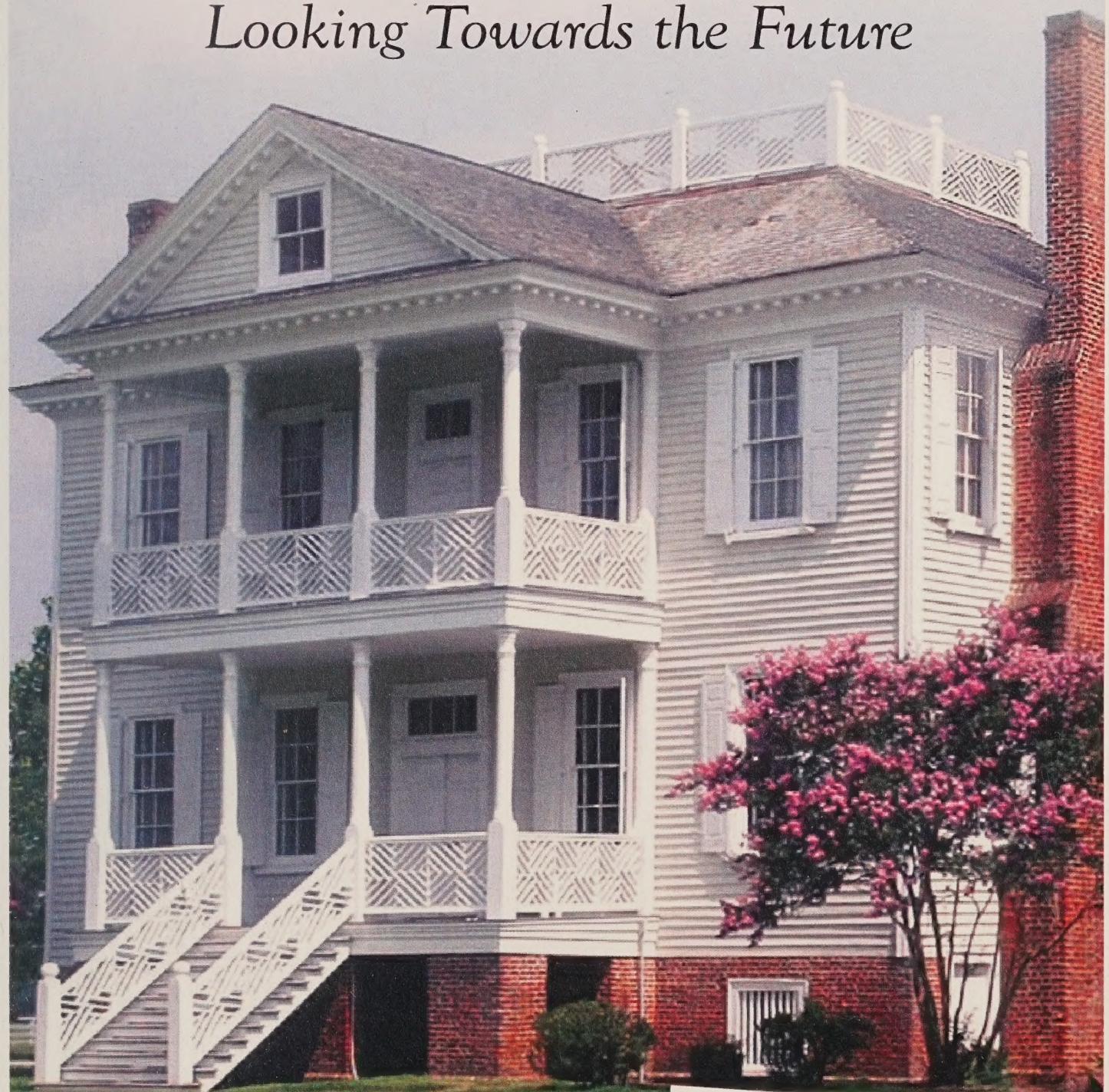


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## Honoring the Early Leaders and Looking Towards the Future



Friday, April 24, 2015



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Roanoke EC has developed a strategic-focused approach on initiatives regarding the value of service we provide. These initiatives have resulted in several projects that will ensure we are operating cost-effectively and that our employees are empowered to serve you.

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This project will allow easier entry for individual members who wish to invest in solar energy as a renewable option to them.

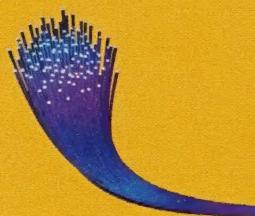


### Upgrade to Save...

Your cooperative has also been enhancing its energy efficiency loan programs, and we're making monies easily accessible to members who need energy efficiency upgrades to their homes.

### Roanoke Connect...

We have a fiber project on tap to improve systems that will ultimately benefit our outage frequency as well as response time to outages. We will also be better equipped to help members manage energy and reduce system losses.



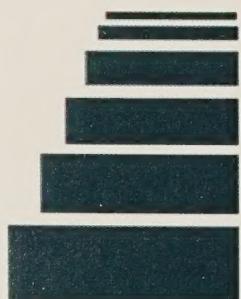
### Bright Savings...



Your cooperative wants to give you more for less! Our outdoor LED lighting project is one, in which, we will be deploying more energy efficient outdoor lights. Ultimately, using more energy efficient lighting will reduce both corporate and individual expenses—leaving you with more money in your pocket.

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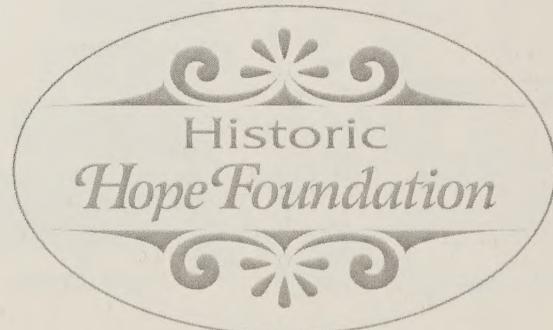


# Dedication



The late Jack and Margaret Tyler are fondly remembered throughout North Carolina as “*Mr. and Mrs. Hope*.” Their optimism and their tireless efforts inspired countless others to give of their expertise, time, and financial support.

The legacy of Jack and Margaret’s love for Hope continues on through the work of their family members and many friends.



# Welcome

April 24, 2015

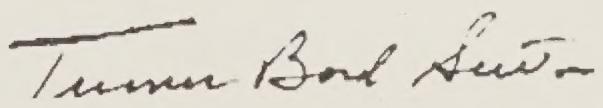
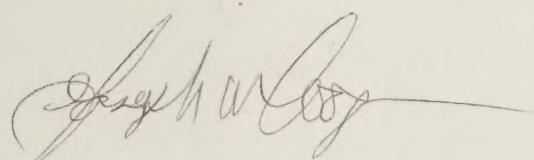
It is our pleasure to welcome you tonight to this 50th Anniversary Celebration of Historic Hope Foundation.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we honor Historic Hope Foundation and its original commitment for the restoration and effort to educate this and future generations of our past.

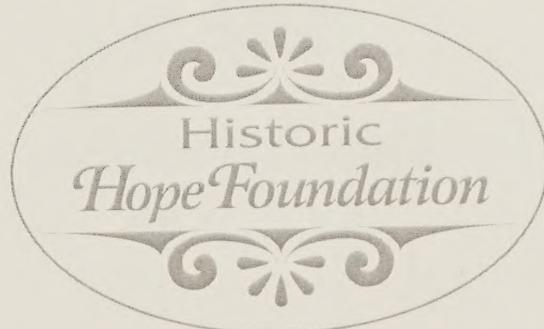
We owe our sincere appreciation to all our committee members and other volunteers for their time and resources. We appreciate the support of our contributors for their generosity in helping underwrite this event.

We hope you have a wonderful evening and we appreciate your support in being a part of this 50th Anniversary Celebration, the funds from which are instrumental in making Hope's commitment a reality.

Most sincerely,



Joe Cooper and Turner B. Sutton  
Co-chairs, 50th Anniversary Celebration 2015



Friday, April 24, 2015

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Champagne & Shrimp at the Hope Mansion

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Cocktails & Jazz at the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center

8:00 pm

Dinner in the John E. Tyler Room

*Program to follow*

*Dinner by Southern Delights Caterers*

Menu:

Tossed Baby Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette

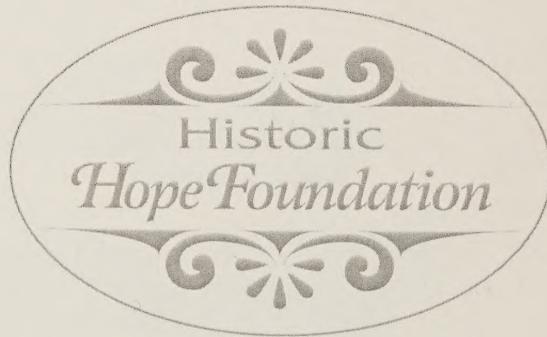
Beef Tenderloin Medallion Topped with Crab Meat & Béarnaise Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes

Asparagus Spears with Lemon Butter

Hot Buttered Dinner Rolls

Carmel Pecan Cake



# The 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee

## Co-chairs

The Reverend Joe Cooper and Dr. Turner B. Sutton

## Committee

Dr. Phyllis Broughton  
Mrs. Becky Carter  
Mrs. Claudia Griffin  
Dr. John Hill  
Mr. Wilson Hoggard  
Mrs. Jaquelin Perry  
Mrs. Marian Perry  
Dr. Karen Ray  
Mrs. Susie Remkes  
Mrs. Marti Tyler

## Decorating Committee

Mrs. Boo Beasley  
Mr. Ernie Carter  
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# Greetings from the President

Dr. Turner Bond Sutton

It is truly an honor to be President of Historic Hope Foundation during the year of its 50th anniversary celebration. I can remember as a teenager sneaking through the basement and into the bare hall with cracked and missing plaster and into the library. Little did I realize the significance of the mansion, even after a chain link fence was erected to protect it. However others did, and it is to them that we dedicate this 50th anniversary celebration.

The rescue and restoration of Governor Stone's mansion is truly a remarkable story. Its restoration had its roots in the Bertie County Historical Society. Members were aware of the significance of the Mansion and its importance to Bertie County and in the early 1960s began to discuss plans to purchase and save it. After numerous meetings the group applied for a charter for Historic Hope Foundation which was received on February 2nd, 1965. A Board of Directors was elected and Wayland Jenkins served as the first President and Jack Tyler, Vice President. The Board began a grass roots effort that involved many Bertie County citizens to raise money to purchase the Mansion and 18 acres of the surrounding property from Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Smith, which was completed in 1966. The centerpiece of the fund raising effort was a black tie gala, the Governor Stone Ball. Boo Beasley, chaired the first ball, held on February 26, 1968. Subsequently it has been held every other year. The balls were widely attended by up to 500 people from throughout the state. In 1967 the Foundation formed the Friends of Hope Committee, a group of 50 citizens statewide who had interest in historic preservation. Mrs. Elizabeth Ives served as the first chair.

Restoration of the Mansion began in late 1966. It was a daunting task. The Mansion was in terrible disrepair and, there was a need for money, a lot of it. However guided by the vision of Jack and Margaret Tyler, and hard work by the members of the Board, the Friends Committee and many others, we proved the naysayers wrong. On October 4th, 1972 the mansion was opened to the public.

In 1970 the Foundation acquired the Samuel Cox house, an early 19th century farmhouse, and moved it to Hope where it was restored in 1972 and serves as the caretakers house. A second important house, the King Bazemore house, a small plantation home built in 1763, was

given to Historic Hope Foundation by the Bazemore family and moved to Hope in 1974 where its restoration began. In 1986 the Foundation purchased an additional 27 acres that was to become the Hope Forest, and in 1991 the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center was opened.

It is incumbent upon us to build on the work these early visionaries. Perhaps the most significant change over the past 10 years has been to broaden our focus to include our multicultural heritage of European settlers, Native Americans, and African Americans. It, along with increased advertising, especially in the social media, has resulted in visitors coming to Hope from throughout the US and abroad. In 2014 visitors came from 49 states and 17 foreign countries. Additionally, as our educational programming has grown year by year, we are attracting school students from throughout North Carolina.

However we are facing significant challenges. It has been 40-50 years since much of the restoration work was completed, and the houses are in need of constant repair. These repairs are expensive and there are few funds to make them. And, there are few grants that are available for infrastructure needs. I hope you noticed that the Mansion has a fresh coat of paint. All of our State funding has ended and our membership is less than half of what it was 10 years ago. We must rebuild the enthusiasm for Hope that existed 50 years ago and continue to broaden our programming to appeal to all citizens of Bertie County. In 2014, we initiated cost saving measures which brought the budget into balance for the first time in 5 years. In order to make necessary repairs and continue to offer educational programs, the Board initiated a capital campaign, Hope for Tomorrow, to help us meet these needs. If you haven't, please consider contributing to it.

I am optimistic about our future. We have a true gem in Bertie County that we need to let everyone know about. Our promotion efforts are beginning to pay off. Based on receipts, in 2014 visitorship was up 250% over 2003. However, we must work together to ensure that Historic Hope Foundation continues to grow for the generations that follow us.

Tonight we are honoring those early Board Members, Friends and volunteers who made the miracle of Hope possible. This 50th anniversary celebration is dedicated to the memory of Jack and Margaret Tyler, who worked tirelessly throughout their lives to see their dreams realized. We also recognize and honor the first Board officers and members, the first members of the Friends of Hope Committee and the many volunteers who helped to make Hope the jewel it is today.

This celebration would not have been possible without the hard work of the organizing committee, members of the Board of Directors, the staff at Historic Hope Foundation, and numerous volunteers. I would like to personally thank each of them.

Also, thanks all of you who have come to celebrate our 50th anniversary with us. I hope you will take this opportunity to thank those who have worked so hard for Hope 50 years ago.

Thank You Board Members



The First Board—Clockwise from top: Hampton Britt, Joe Cherry, Glen Woodley, John E. Tyler, Ruth White, Virginia Gillam, Wayland Jenkins, Elizabeth Bond. Not pictured: Stella Phelps, Thomas Northfleet Jr., Blair Beasley, Emmett Burden, W.K.Slate, Francis Speight, and Robert L. Gatling

# Presidents of Historic Hope Foundation

Mr. Wayland Jenkins

1967-1969

Mr. Jack Tyler

1969-1979

Mr. John Gillam

1979-1986

Mr. Harry Thompson

1986-1991

Mr. Norman Clyde

1991-1992

Mrs. Marian Perry

1992-1997

Mrs. Clara Bell

1997-2001

Mr. John Tyler

2001-2003

Dr. Benjamin Speller

2003-2008

Dr. John Hill

2008-2010

The Reverend Joe Cooper

2010-2012

Dr. Turner B. Sutton

2012 - *present*



# Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Thank You to the Historic Hope Foundation for many years of protecting and preserving Bertie County's rich history.*

## Bertie County Board of Commissioners

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Ronald "Ron" Wesson

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## Board of Directors 2015-2016

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The Reverend Joe Cooper, Past President

Dr. Benjamin Speller, Vice President

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## Honorees:

### *First Directors and Members of the Friends of Hope Committee*

The first group of Directors of the Hope Foundation acted as a unit. There were officers and committees assigned but everyone worked on everything and even if you did not have a leadership role your contribution was as important as any other.

**Jack Tyler and Margaret** were the leading lights, did the most, and had the most influence on the restoration of the Hope Mansion. Jack was in the first group of people who gathered and made the decision to start the effort to restore Hope. Wayland Jenkins, Boo Beasley, Becky Carter and Joe Cherry were also in this very first group. This evolved into Historic Hope Foundation. Jack was President from 1969 until 1979 when the Board reorganized and he became Chairman of the Board. Margaret never had a title but she contributed to every decision. They worked in unison and led every decision made for the restoration. They spent untold hours thinking about, planning and giving time to this project.

**Wayland Jenkins** played a large role in the beginning of the Board. He gave much time, effort and support to organizing the Foundation and was its first President. Wayland and his brother Joe Henry Jenkins and wife Jenny were strong financial supporters with their gifts to the Foundation. Their main interest was in maintaining the Hope Mansion.

**Boo Beasley**, also one of the founders, held many roles and was a dedicated Board member. She was Chairman of the first Hope Ball which set the standard for future Hope Balls. She was secretary to the Friends of Hope 1980-1988. She served on almost all committees and projects we undertook. She was a strong board member who served as Membership Chairman and worked diligently to increase membership in our organization.

**Becky Carter**, one of the founders, served as Treasurer of the Foundation for 27 years. As stated in a resolution passed by the Board, the Foundation “is indebted to Becky Carter for her capabilities, and for the time and effort she spends acting as the treasurer of Historic Hope Foundation”. Becky was chairman of the 1984 Hope Ball, was co-chairman with Betsy Gillam of the needlework display, and was an

active member on all projects. Becky and Marian had charge of the museum shop for a while.

**Joe Cherry**, a founder, served as Promotion and Public Affairs chairman then and does now. He has always been reliable about getting news to the media, consequently Hope has consistently good press relations and publicity.

**Nancy Rascoe**, also a founder, has made great contributions to Hope. She originated the idea of Springtime on the Plantation and was Chairman every year. She served in many ways and was Chairman of the 1986 Hope Ball. She worked on many projects and always made important contributions.

**Marjorie Capehart** has been a faithful member, coming to every meeting and giving support to every endeavor. She worked on many committees giving her valuable time and ideas of how to proceed on various projects.

**Marian Perry** has held many positions. She was Chairman of the second Hope Ball in 1970, President for five years and Co-Chairman for Friends of Hope from 1980 to 1988. Marian was on the committee to oversee the construction of the Educational Building and worked with others on making the draperies for Hope and the tablecloths for the Tyler room.

**John B. Gillam III** was the first President after the Board was reorganized to have a Chairman of the Board and a President. John came on the Board in 1974, was elected President in 1979 and served in that role until 1986 when he resigned as President but stayed on the Board. John was a strong voice for the restoration and made many contacts to benefit the Foundation. He was a very visible person for our organization and projected our ideas to the public very forcefully.

**Ted “Buddy” Shaw** has been the person who always handled our parking for all events. He enlisted the Boy Scouts to do this and organized the whole process. This is an unseen service but a very necessary one for all large events.

**Jenny Jenkins** has contributed to Hope in many ways. For many years she was head of the Endowment Committee of the Friends of Hope. It takes

a great deal of time to solicit pledges to this necessary fund and then to follow up on contributions which can cover several years. She was Chairman of the 1976 Hope Ball. She, her husband and brother-in-law, Wayland Jenkins, have been very strong financial supporters of the Foundation. She has been faithful in attending meetings.

**David Hayworth** has been a member of the Friends of Hope since the very beginning of the Foundation and his financial contributions enabled Hope to buy a rare sideboard which we gratefully acknowledge. For years he has always maintained his interest in Hope.

**Beans Weatherly** was an early member of the Friends of Hope. He regularly attended our meetings and participated in our social affairs. He continued to show his interest and concern for our project for many years after he retired from the Friends.

*Marian Perry*

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# Welcome to Legacy Families!

The Historic Hope Foundation acknowledges with profound gratitude the vital contribution of the following original Members of the Board, without whom Hope would not exist, and the charter members of the Friends of Hope who supported them. Their families are Legacy Families, always welcome at Hope, always received with thankfulness in honor of this legacy from their mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even godparents!

## Members of The Board, 1965-1974

Mrs. C. Wood Beasley

Mrs. Walter Bond

Dan Bowen

Hampton Brett

Stephen Burch

W.H.S. Burgwyn, Jr

Mrs. Goodwin Byrd

Mrs. George W. Capehart, Jr

Mrs. E. Rawls Carter

Joe B. Cherry, Jr.

Mrs. Joe Cherry

Uriah Coulbourn

H. Cullen Dunstan

John B. Gillam, III

Mrs. Moses Gillam

Mrs. Carroll Gillam

Wayland Jenkins

Mrs. Herbert Jenkins

Thomas Norfleet

Mrs. Norman Perry

Stella Phelps

Mrs. E.S. Pugh

## Members of The Board, 1965-1974

*continued*

Mrs. J. Peter Rascoe

T. R. Shaw, Jr

Mrs. J.E. Smith

Francis Speight

Harry Lewis Thompson

John Tyler

Mrs. Burges Urquhart, Jr.

Mrs. H.O. White

Robert C. White

Mrs. W.E. White

## Friends of Hope, 1965-1974

John E. Tyler, Co-Chairman

Mrs. Earnest L. Ives (née Stevenson), Co-Chairman

Dr. Lawrence S. Alspaugh

L.A. Bailey

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Mrs. C. Wood Beasley, Jr.

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## Friends of Hope, 1965-1974

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Dr. H. C. Jones

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Miss Elizabeth Lawrence

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Mrs. Willie Jones Long

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Sam P. Manning

Paul Matthews

The Honorable P. D. Midgette, Jr.

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Mrs. John W. Moses

Mrs. Russell Owens

Mrs. John Wesley Parker

Roy Parker

The Honorable R. Hunt Parker

Dr. Herbert R. Paschel

Mrs. Thomas J. Pearsall

The Honorable Elbert S. Peel, Jr.

Ovid W. Pierce

## Friends of Hope, 1965-1974

*continued*

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Jack McM. Pruden

Woodrow W. Pruett

Miss Anna Riddick

Mrs. Horace P. Robinson

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# Friends of Hope

## *Who are the Friends of Hope?*

The Friends are the fund-raising and expertise arm of the Hope Foundation. As soon as the drive to save the Hope Mansion from collapse and turn it into a showplace of early American architecture and artifacts began, enthusiastic supporters from every part of North Carolina and places as distant as Washington DC and New York City joined in. Legislators, judges, bank presidents, doctors, professors, gardeners, experts in restoration have all been Friends. Dr. C. Crittenden, director of Archives and History, who helped Preservation North Carolina, helped Hope, too. Elizabeth Ives, a great preservationist, brought her brother, Adlai Stevenson. Elizabeth Lawrence, North Carolina's most renowned garden writer, made the landscape plan. Wayland Jenkins, the area's best known philanthropist, endowed the upkeep of the Hope Mansion. Mr. Jenkins, Tony winner William Ivey Long, the writer Alice Eley Jones and restoration expert A.J. Honeycutt are among current Friends. The Friends Committee is limited to 50 persons who meet for lunch at Hope twice a year to assess what has been done and to plan for the future. Friends are invited to serve three-year terms, which may be renewed indefinitely. Gatherings of the Friends coincide often with a ball or gala, as they will on April 24, 2015.

The Friends have a committee structure for discussions. These committees offer help and suggestions to the Board of Directors.

Finance	Chair, John C.P. Tyler
Collections	Chair, Matt Johnston
Public Affairs	Chair, Dr. Karen Ray
Site Development	Chair, Reid Thomas
Library	Chair, Dr. Larry Auld

The Chair of the Friends is Betsy Buford, former Director of the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh, and the Co-Chair is Dr. John L. Hill.

## Friends of Hope 2014-2015

Mrs. Betsy Buford and Dr. John Hill, co-chairs

Mrs. William F. Andrews	Mr. Joseph Henry Jenkins
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Mr. Todd Farrand	*Mrs. Marguerite Perry
Ms. Janice Faulkner	*Mrs. Sarah M. Pope
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*Site Manager*  
Bobby Williams

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David Serxner

*Tour Guides (Docents)*  
Julia Credle  
Rhonda Forsythe  
Patricia Mulray

*Receptionist*  
Shannon Sanderlin

*Grounds Caretaker*  
Oliver Lee



*Historic Hope Foundation  
thanks all the volunteers who have  
meant so much to Historic Hope*

## Hope's Site Manager

James ("Bobby") R. Williams joined Historic Hope Foundation in October 2012 as Security Caretaker. In 2014 he was given the title Site Manager.

Bobby and his wife Joyce were life-long residents of Edenton. Bobby served in the Air Force, worked with United Dye Works in Edenton for 30 years, and then with the Town of Edenton for 6 years before he retired. Bobby is ideally suited for the job. He has many skills and has saved us many thousands of dollars in repair bills. He is our principle contact for scheduling events and represents Hope at activities at various historical sites in the region.

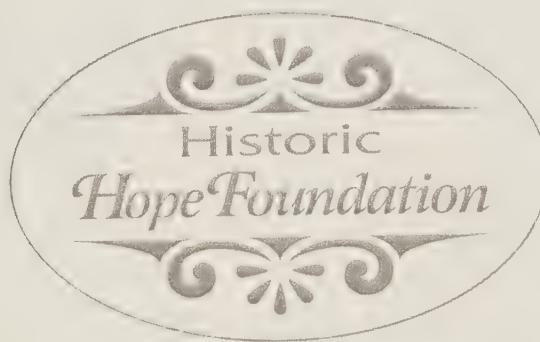
Perhaps more importantly he is an avid history buff. He worked with the Barker House, the Roanoke River Lighthouse, and helped with an online inventory of cemeteries in Chowan County. He is perhaps best noted for the many artifacts he has discovered with his

metal detectors. His findings in Chowan County have been displayed in the Barker house and they have been highlighted in several articles in the Chowan Herald. Bobby brought his interest in archeology to Hope and has used his metal detectors to find numerous



artifacts, some predating the Mansion, which are displayed in a case in the museum room of the Heritage Center.

Bobby's wife, Joyce, is an eager volunteer and helps with many of the activities at Hope. Bobby and Joyce have four sons, a dog and a cat.



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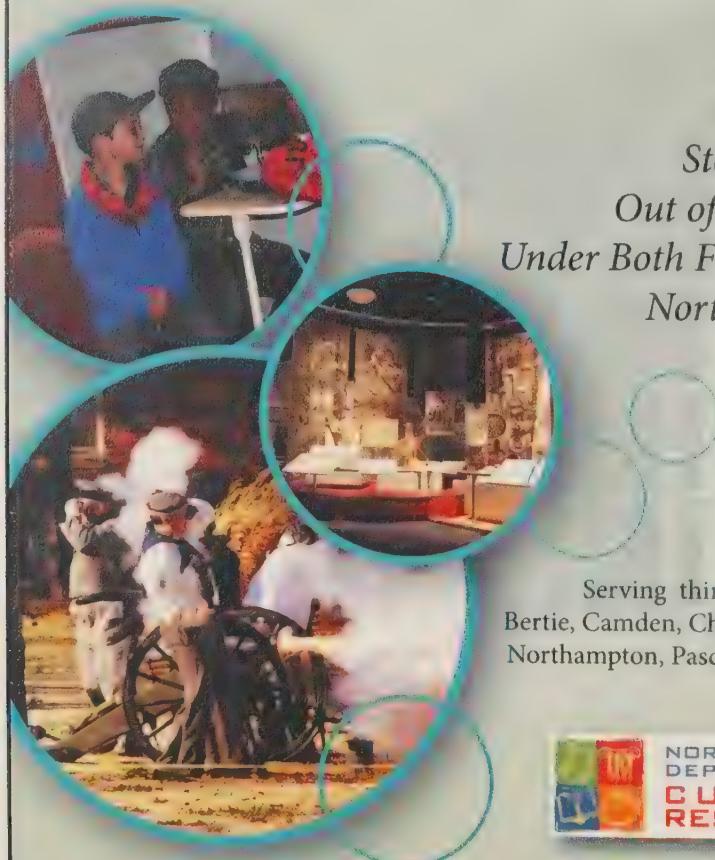
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# David Stone

Governor, U.S. Senator, Superior Court Judge, N.C. Representative



**David Stone** was born at Hope in 1770 – the eve of the American Revolution. He reached maturity as his country was coming into being. He graduated from Princeton in 1789, first in his class, and returned home to study law under William R. Davie at Halifax. That same year, at age 19, he was a Bertie County delegate at the Constitutional Convention in Fayetteville and voted for ratification of the Constitution.

With his position and education, it was natural that he was interested in politics and the governance of our new country. He represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly and at age twenty-five was a Superior Court Judge, the youngest judge yet elected in North Carolina. He was elected a Representative and then a Senator to the United States Congress. The North Carolina Legislature elected him Governor for two terms 1808-1810. Later he represented Bertie County in the General Assembly and then again in the U.S. Senate. For twenty-three years, from 1789-1813, he held important government positions.

Education was one of the important influences in David Stone's life. He served with William R. Davie on the committee of six which chose the site for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He served as a trustee of the University and remained active in the university's development until his death. His interest in learning is exemplified by his extensive library at Hope, over 1400 volumes, one of the largest in the state. As befitting a man of the enlightened age, David Stone's interests ranged from law to agriculture, literature, music, and medicine, many volumes printed in Greek and Latin.

When David Stone married Hannah Turner, his father deeded him the Hope tract of land "as a gift of affection" and a wedding present. Hannah and David had eleven children, only five lived to adulthood. When Hannah died of fever, David was distraught and wrote on a wall inside a bookcase in his library "O for the days when I could gaze at my wife," the writing which is apparent today.

The Stones lived part of the year near Raleigh at their home, Restdale. The property in Wake County together with the Hope Plantation totaled over 5000 acres and made David Stone one of the wealthiest men in the state in the early 1800s. On October 7, 1818, at the age of 48, he died suddenly in his sleep after a day in court.

Surely David Stone was one of the most outstanding men in the early days of North Carolina. Somehow he has been buried beneath history and forgotten. When he was alive he was friends with great men such as Thomas Jefferson. His violin, his case of surgical instruments, his electrifying machine, the wide range of his interest – all bespeak of his greatness and he deserves to be remembered.

David Stone is buried in Wake County. His grave was unmarked for 165 years at its site near the Neuse River in Wake County, and was permanently recognized during a May 5, 1984, dedication ceremony. Sponsored jointly by Historic Hope Foundation and Wake County historical Society, the ceremony provided a final, fitting tribute to the man who, during his short lifetime, accomplished so much for his beloved state.

Once nearly obscured by undergrowth, Stone's grave may now be easily found by a visitor wishing to honor the state's 15th governor who maintained Restdale Plantation in Wake County as well as hope Plantation in Bertie County. While visiting Restdale in October, 1818, Stone died suddenly and was buried at his Wake County property alongside his first wife, Hannah, and their daughter, Martha.

*The following is written on David Stone's tombstone:*

# DAVID STONE

Here rest David Stone 2/17/1770 – 10/7/1818

Governor of North Carolina 1808-1810

Congressman 1799-1801

US Senate 1802 – 1807 – 1813 – 1814

Jurist and Planter

Hannah Turner Stone

12/27/1775 – 4/1/1816

First Wife

Martha Stone, their daughter

9/25/1811 – 4/6/1816

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Historic Hope Plantation, his Bertie County home,

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# History of Hope

Throughout its history, the restoration of Historic Hope Plantation has been recognized and widely acclaimed as a “grass roots” operation. For years, saving the dilapidated house that stood in the middle of a Bertie County peanut field was seen by many local folks as the unrealistic dream of a few idealists.

The idealists were determined, however, and in 1964, they met together to develop a plan. From this meeting was born Historic Hope Foundation.

As a private non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the Foundation could begin to plan for the acquisition and restoration of this historic site. The greatest incentive came in May of 1965 when the Richardson Foundation of Greensboro agreed to grant the Foundation \$5,000 if \$15,000 in matching funds could be raised. Letters went out to friends and relatives soliciting memberships and other contributions.



of the house and 18.12 acres of land for \$25,000. The first of four annual payments of \$5,000 less the option fee of \$500 borrowed from

By December 1965, the \$15,000 challenge grant was met enabling the Foundation to match a \$20,000 grant approved by the North Carolina General Assembly.

With these funds, the Foundation was able to purchase the property consisting

the Bertie County Historical Society was made in 1966. The first payment of \$5,000 would be returned to the Foundation as a gift from the owners, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith of Windsor.

W.M. Kemp, an experienced restorationist from Hertford, was employed during the winter of 1966 to begin the restoration. Mr. Kemp has been quoted as having said he thought "Hope was the most hopeless thing he had ever seen" when he was first approached about taking the project.

Under the direction of John E. Tyler, chairman of the Restoration Committee, and A. L. Honeycutt of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, each detail was carefully worked out, then executed so as to ensure authenticity.

Of the early work, Mr. Tyler said, "It is strange, but everything we have done has had a precedent. Three chimneys were gone, but one was left so we could reconstruct the others from it, one fireplace was intact, one sash of a window was found in the basement to serve as a pattern for others, one cellar door with the Dutch hinges was untouched, the railing on the roof was completely gone, but since the Chinese Chippendale balcony railing still existed, we decided to copy it for the roof. Not until Kemp removed a section of roof to install the new railing did we realize that it exactly matched the holes where the earlier one had been."



Although volunteers were heavily involved, professional help was needed. Richard W. Lobst, a professional historian was employed in 1966 to research the Hope Plantation and the Stone family. Later that year, the Architectural firm of Edwards, Dove, and Knight of Rocky Mount was engaged to make the plans and designs needed as the restoration progressed.

In 1967, the Foundation received a grant-in-aid of \$20,000 from the North Carolina General Assembly. That same year, the Richardson Foundation approved another \$5,000 challenge grant provided the Foundation could raise an additional \$15,000 before December 31, 1968.

Where would the money come from? Bertie County resources were limited and local funding was exhausted. The Governor Stone Ball was born of this great need for funds.

As Wayland Jenkins wrote in an early Souvenir Ball Program, "The Ball was our only hope, a gamble yes, but a great potential as a moneymaker if it could be staged successfully." Some members of the board of Directors were advocates for a large orchestra, pre-ball parties, a champagne breakfast, handsome invitations, exquisite decorations, and formal dress.

Others were less expansive. "Formal dress. Black tie in Bertie County. Who would pay \$25 a couple to attend something that formal." Fortunately, the big thinkers prevailed and thus was established the Hope Ball tradition.

That same year, volunteers turned their hands to create a lovely event, this time at Hope. A candle light reception honoring Mrs. Ernest L. Ives was held on April 23. Mrs. Ives had been a long-time supporter of Hope and had encouraged the Foundation in some of its boldest efforts. She helped organize the Friends of Hope and had encouraged

the Foundation in some of its boldest efforts. She served as Co-Chairman with Wayland L. Jenkins Jr. for many years.

The reception was held in the Hope Mansion. Although repairs to the exterior had been completed and painted, the interior remained



untouched. The decorating committee, Hope Directors, never had a greater challenge. The county responded in a most positive way to appeal for flowers, candles, chicken salad, and hundreds of cookies. No money was expended from the Hope treasury. The only professional touch came when noted artist, Francis Speight, agreed to bring his paintings for the walls. Music for the event was provided by Billy Raynor of Ahoskie whose console had to be connected to power from an outside security light.

The Directors dressed in formal gowns. Long tables covered with lace cloths, silver trays laden with fancy sandwiches and cookies, huge bouquets of fresh flowers and candles galore in silver candlesticks set the stage for one of the most beautiful events ever held in the mansion. A full moon added to the magical quality of the evening that convinced any doubters that the Hope Mansion could become beautiful again.

Other events have been planned through the years as development of the site has progressed. The addition of the King-Bazemore house, donated by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cling Darden Bazemore has added a new dimension to the site. The 1763 house, which is of the era of the earlier house occupied by the parents of David Stone, adds to the interpretation of agrarian life in Bertie County in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Written by Wayland L. Jenkins Jr, reprinted from 2003 Ball Program



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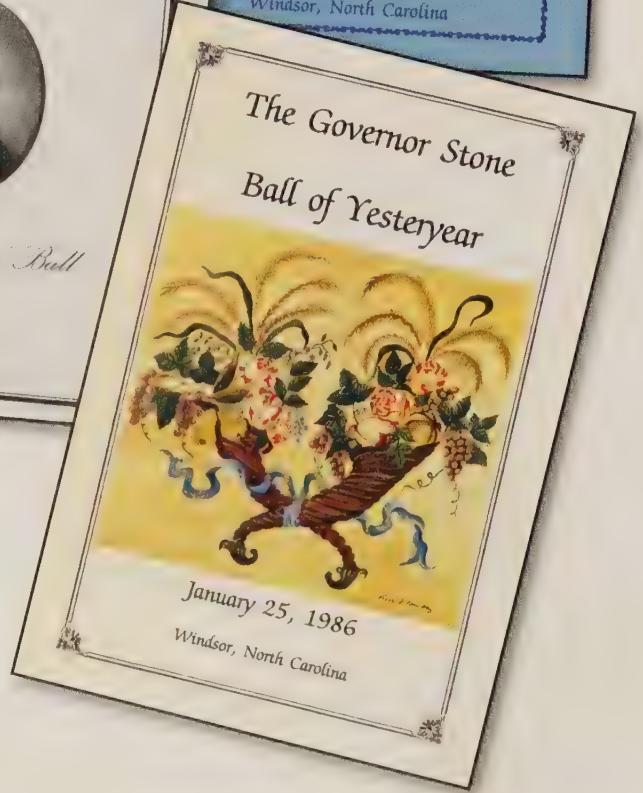
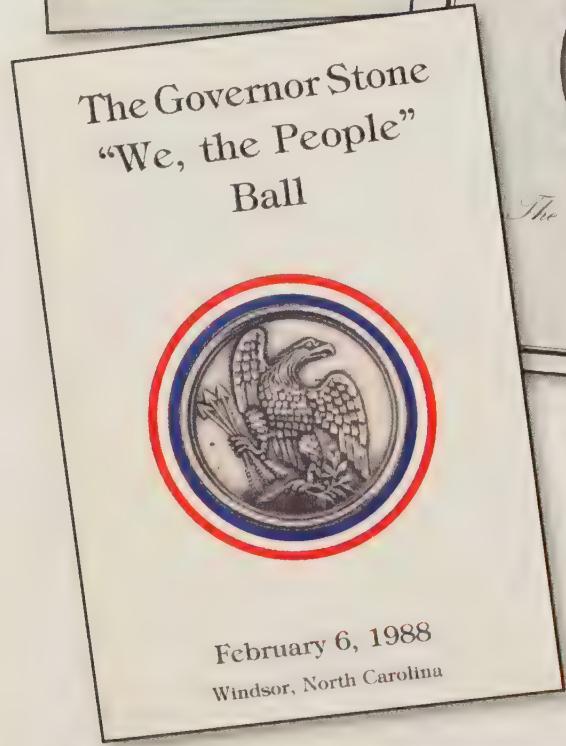
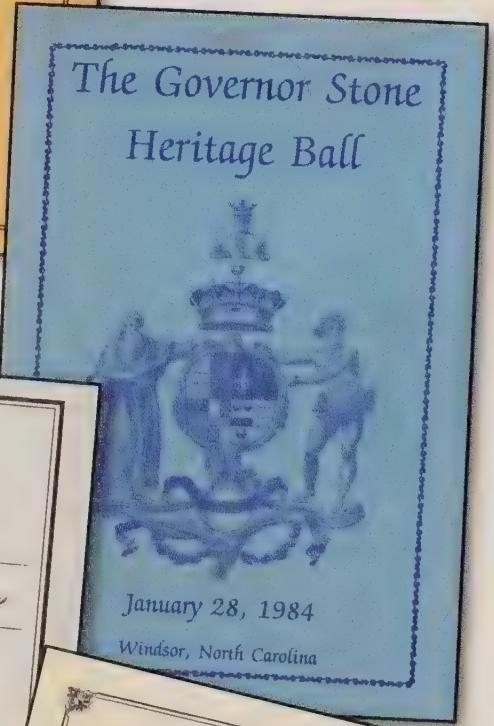
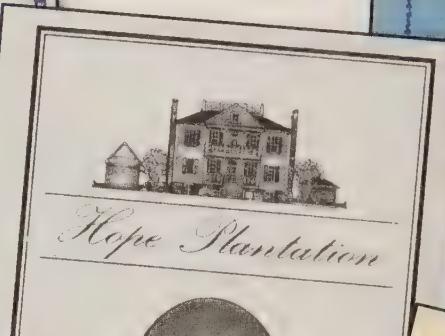
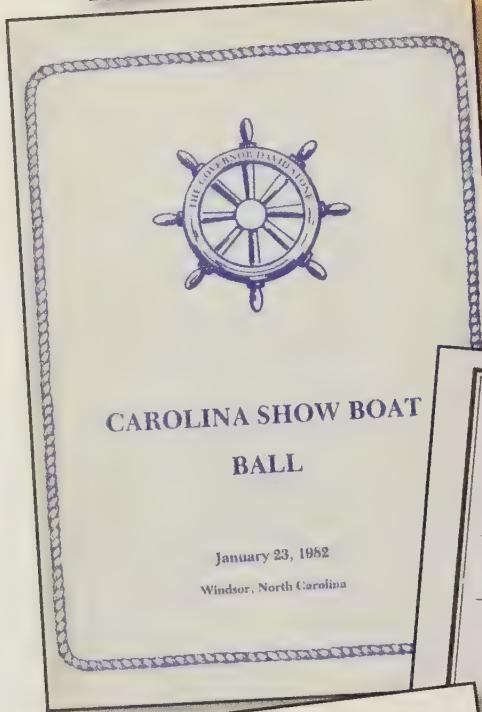
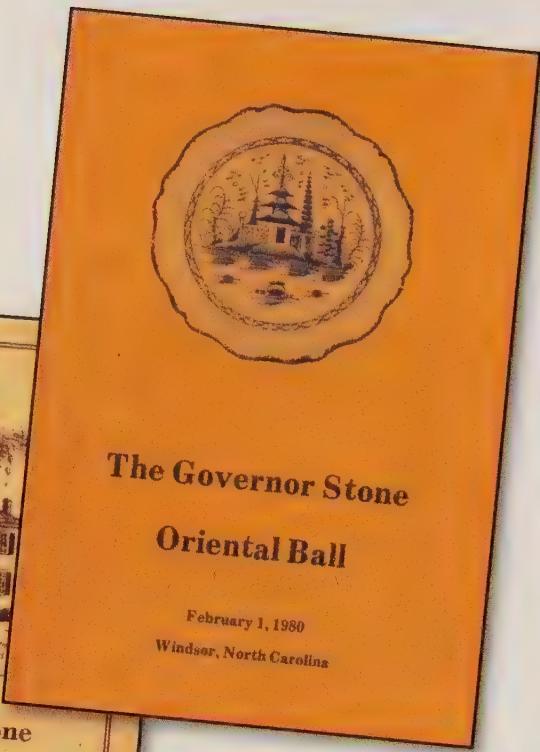
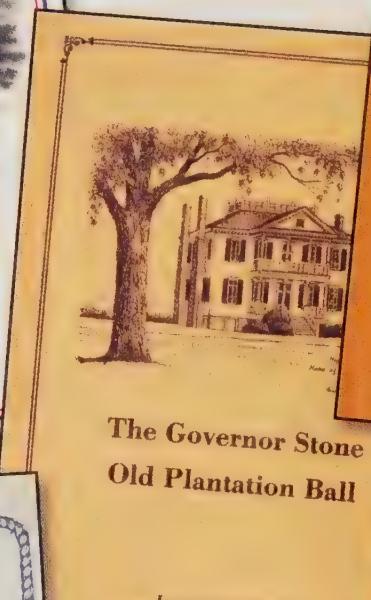
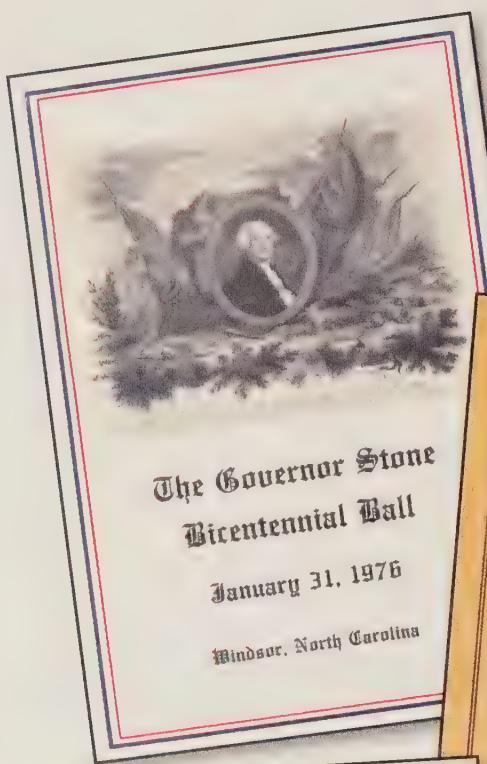
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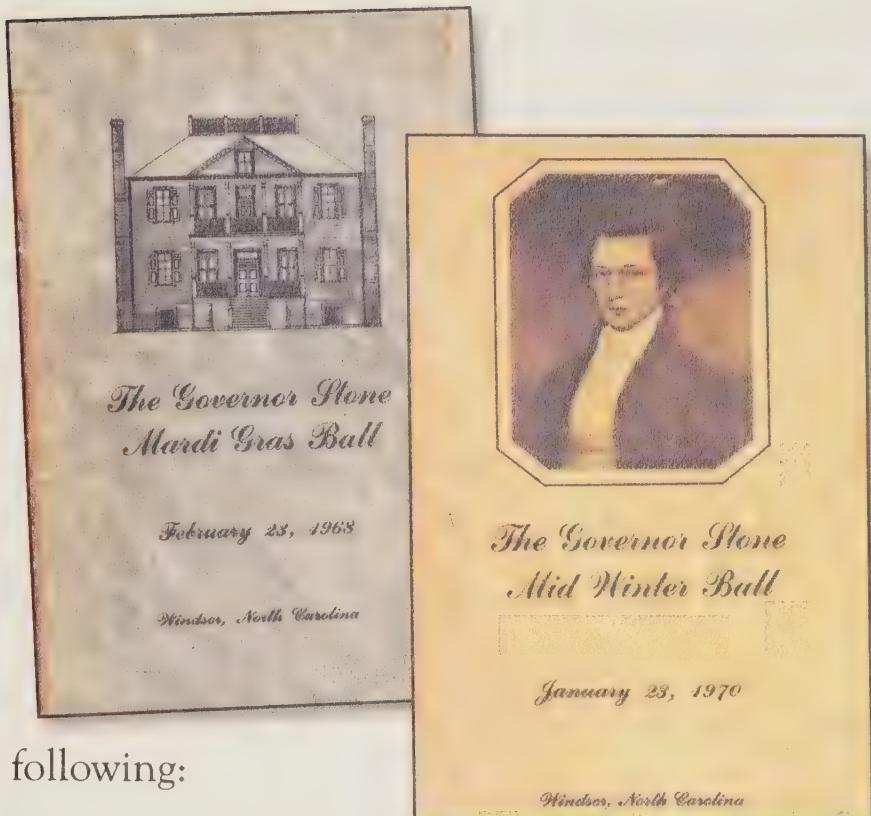
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# Past Balls

Hope Balls have been major events, not only as fund raisers, but opportunities to share history and renovations that continual occur at Hope.

Hope Balls include the following:



**February 23, 1968** - The Governor Stone Mardi Gras Ball was the first ball given at Hope Plantation and was organized by chair, Mrs. Wood Beasley; Mrs. Peter Rascoe; Joe Cherry; and Steve Burch. Wayland L. Jenkins Jr. was President of the Historic Hope Foundation at that time. This first ball netted the Foundation \$6,500. These funds were applied to the cost of a new roof at on the Hope mansion and to part of the brick repair work.



Hope Mardi Gras Ball - 1968



**January 23, 1970** – The Governor Stone Mid-Winter Ball was chaired by Mrs. Norman Perry of Colerain. Funds from this ball were applied to the restoration of the caretaker's house (Samuel Cox House, which was a gift from the late Mrs. Paul Jilcott and her family) and the erection of a small building to house the water storage tank and the furnace for the heating system for the mansion.

**January 28, 1972** – The Governor Stone Anniversary Ball was chaired by Mrs. Carroll Gillam of Windsor with proceeds used to match a Richardson Foundation Grant.

**February 1, 1974** – The Governor Stone Garden Ball was chaired by Mrs. Goodwin Byrd of Windsor. Proceeds used to benefit landscaping of the Hope grounds.

**January 31, 1976** – The Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball was chaired by Mrs. Joseph Henry Jenkins of Ahoskie with proceeds used to continue restoration and preservation work at Hope Plantation.

**January 27, 1978** – The Governor Stone Old Plantation Ball was chaired by Mrs. Marshall Kilpatrick Jr. of Windsor. Proceeds used to benefit the restoration of the King-Bazemore House.

**February 1, 1980** – The Governor Stone Oriental Ball was chaired by Mrs. Joseph B. Cherry Jr. of Windsor. Proceeds reached \$16,000 and were allocated toward maintenance and operation of the plantation.

**January 23, 1982** – The Governor Stone Showboat Ball was chaired by Mrs. Stephen R. Burch of Windsor.

**January 28, 1984** – The Governor Stone Heritage Ball was chaired by Mrs. E. Rawls Carter of Powellsboro.

**January 25, 1986** – The Governor Stone Ball of Yesteryear was chaired by Mrs. Al G. Baker of Colerain.

**February 6, 1988** – The Governor Stone “We the People” Ball was given in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Creation of the Constitution in 1787. Mrs. Nancy Dawson Rascoe, chaired the ball. In 1789, the North Carolina Convention ratified the much debated

Federal Constitution. As a delegate to the Convention, 19-year-old David Stone supported and voted for the constitution of the United States of America.

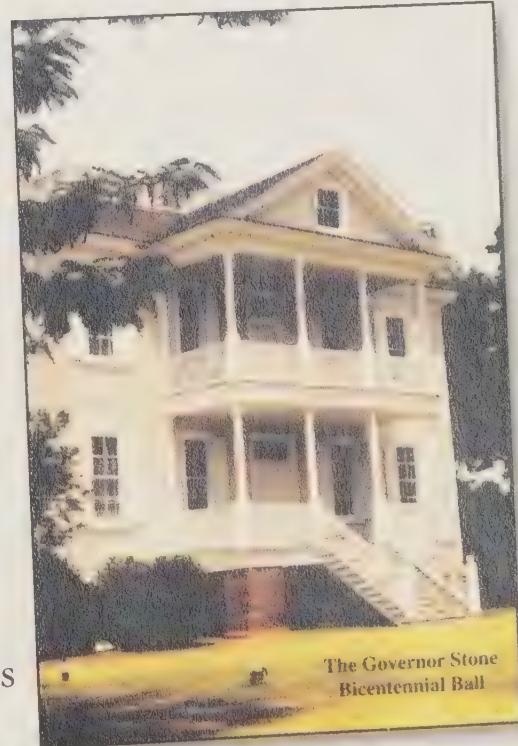
**October 6, 1990** – The Governor Stone Plantation Ball was chaired by Mrs. C. Wood Beasley III and Mrs. Norman F. Perry Jr., both of Colerain. This was the first ball held under a big white tent on the ground in front of the Hope Mansion.

**October 3, 1992** – The Governor Stone Plantation Garden Ball was chaired by Mrs. Linnie D. Perry II of Colerain and Mrs. Hunter Wayland Spruill of Windsor.

**October 8, 1994** – The Governor Stone Autumn Garden Ball was chaired by Mrs. William W. Pritchett Jr., of Windsor.

**October 19, 1996** – The Governor Stone Hunt Ball was chaired by Mrs. Jeffrey C. Rose.

**May 3, 2003** – The Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball was co-chaired by Marcia and Charlie Griffin and celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the completion of the Hope Mansion which David Stone built for his family. The Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball was the 16th since the first ball was held in 1968. President John C.P. Tyler commented that this ball "...renews our commitment to the preservation of this remarkable place. Tonight's ball is a celebration of all that has here..."



**October 14, 2006** – The Governor's Ball at Hope Plantation was chaired by Sarah Gayle Randolph. Funding raised was used to support the maintenance of the architectural and historic landmark, as well as to support educational programs that are free to thousands of area school children.

**April 30, 2011** – The Enchanted Evening Gala Ball at Hope was chaired by Samuel Speller. There was a decorating committee and a gala ball committee to organize the event. Funding earned from the event of \$25,000 went into the general fund so that Hope could remain open to visitors.

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# The African American Experience at Hope

## *Hope's Vision: Tell the Full Story*

Hope's African American education programs, exhibits, and research are seeking to tell the full story of the agrarian life in eastern North Carolina in keeping with the antebellum legacy of Governor David Stone. By 2005 the Foundation had successfully integrated a special emphasis on the

- Native American story
- Colonial and early 19th century Chowan and Bertie County
- Slavery and the African American experience
- The Civil War experience
- Remembering Bertie County leaders
- Bertie County's economic heritage

In 1992 John Tyler, President Emeritus of the Historic Hope Foundation, discussed with Dr. Ray Spain, Assistant Superintendent of Bertie Schools, the need to offer an annual program that focus on the African American Experience at the Roanoke Chowan Heritage during Black History Month. As a result of their discussion an African American History Committee was established as part of the History Hope Foundation. The Committee included Board members, Friends of Hope members and teachers in Bertie County Schools. Based on the recommendation of Dr. Spain, Dr. Benjamin F Speller, Jr. was appointed as Chair of the Committee. Since its initial Black History Month program in February 1993, the annual program theme has been "Celebrating the Contributions of African Americans to Bertie County's History." The annual programs from 1993-2001 included a variety of topical sessions with participation of students from the public schools and an adult session that usually focused on genealogical topics related to Bertie County records. At the first program, Harry Thompson made available to participants the marriage records of their ancestors from 1870 forward. In 2002, the programs begin to focus on specific topics. The topic for 2002 was "Celebrating the African American Family in Bertie County: From Slavery to Freedom." The John Redden Bazemore family, the Charles Frankie Peele Family and the Phillip and Anne Walton Family presented their documented heritage in Bertie County from about 1740 through the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865. The scope and diversity of the topics from 2006 through 2015 are as follows:

## **“African American Experience in Farming: From the Plantation to the Agri-Business”**

The major feature of the 2006 Black History month program was a forum on the impact of Bertie County’s agricultural legacy on economic, education, and culture of African Americans in the current environment. Two African American agricultural educators and community leaders provided background information . T. E. Bazemore, from Monroe, NC, a Bertie native, was the lead plaintiff on the federal case to get pay equity and benefits for African American Extension Agents in North Carolina. Carl Hodges, a retired African American Extension Agent in Durham, was a colleague and friend to many individuals who worked in Bertie County as extension agents or farming educators in the public schools. Rhodes Bond, an African American farmer, also shared his experiences.

## **“Mapping the Multi-ethnic and Cultural Heritage of African Americans in Bertie County.”**

Dr. Arwin Smallwood, Associate Professor of History at the University of Memphis and a native of Bertie County, provided background for this 2008 program from his research on this topic. The presentation and discussions were guided by following questions: How long have Americans of African descent lived in Bertie County? How did they get here? What was their cultural impact? What impact did they have on the development of the agricultural economy? What impact did they have on the multi-ethnic heritage of the area? In preparation for this celebration, surnames of African American families in what is now Bertie County from the early 1700s to present day were identified: Allen, Archer, Bazemore, Butler, Bunch, Carter, Castelow, Cherry, Cooper, Dempsey, Evans, Flood, Hill, Hall, Hunter, James, Manley, Mitchell, Moore, Outlaw, Pritchard, Pugh, Rascoe, Smith, Smithwick, Ward, Weaver, Weston, Williams, Wiggins, and Wynn.

## **“African American Women Achievements in Bertie County: Business, Religion, Education, Culture”**

In 2010 Board members, African American committee members, and family members presented information that documented the contributions and achievements of African American Women Leaders: Belle Outlaw Pugh, Entrepreneur; Dr. Rachel L. Boyce, Education and Religion; Helen Cooper, Community Activist; Georgia Walton, Education and Culture; and Viola Ruffin, Education. A significant educational and cultural resource for African American women in

the County was Bertie Academy where women were prepared to be educators, community leaders and activists. A copy of the last publication of Bertie Academy was used at this program to chronicle Bertie County women who were students, graduates, teachers, and leaders in this academic institution from 1904 until 1918 which was near the time that this institution became a part of the public schools in the county as W.S. Etheridge School.

### **“Emanuel Reynolds: From Bush Harbor to Church Builder and Religious Leader in Bertie and Hertford Counties”**

The 17th Annual African American Celebration explored the significant contributions that the African American Church made in transforming the lives of African Americans and their communities in Bertie County after the Civil War, during the Jim Crow Era, and the Civil Rights era. The 2011 program explored this legacy through personal and collective stories about Emanuel Reynolds, an important but little known founder and leader of eight African American Churches in Bertie and Hertford counties. Rev. Emanuel Reynolds, a native of Hertford County, was a charter member of Pleasant Plains Baptist Church which was established in 1850. He was originally licensed and ordained to preach through the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Reynolds was a leading force during the organization of the West Roanoke Baptist Association in 1886 at Roanoke Island.

### **“Bertie County Blacks in the Civil War.”**

In observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War (1861-1865), Historic Hope Foundation’s African American Celebration’s 2012 program focused on Wright Cherry who served as a soldier in the Union Army and Benjamin Gray served in the Confederate Navy. The second part of the program focused on documented research and writings of two Bertie County natives, one black and one white who were inspired by their ancestral roots to publish their efforts. Willie Cooper’s inspiration and motivation for his book, *The Forgotten Legacy: Black Soldiers and Sailors Who fought in the Civil War, 1862-1866*, was his great grandfather, George Reid, who fought in the Civil War as a Union soldier. While conducting genealogical research on his family Gerald Thomas assumed that his great-grandfather was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He was amazed when he learned that William David Thomas had served in the Union Army. Inspired by this information, he conducted research and wrote *Divided Allegiances: Bertie County during the Civil War and Bertie in Blue: Experiences of Bertie*

County's Union Servicemen during the Civil War. Thomas focus for this program was "Bertie in Blue: Experiences of Bertie County's Black Union Servicemen during the Civil War."

### **"African American Antebellum Migrations: From Bertie County to the Southwest"**

The 20th Annual African American Celebration program in 2013 was opened with a discussion that was led by Benjamin Speller on why some of the Bertie County natives migrated to the Southwest. He used the story of the Evans Family. William Evans of what is now Colerain took a free mulatto Eliza Hoggard to Missouri where they married in 1840 and by 1880 had established themselves as a prominent white family. Some sociologists and psychologists are now using this story as a discussion of how an African American copes as the mother of white children. He also discussed what happened to the slaves on the Speller plantation when their owner, Thomas Speller, died in 1860 and his will divided the slaves equally between his son, Thomas R. Speller and his daughter, Elizabeth Speller Thompson. Elizabeth took the slaves to Mississippi with her husband. One of the Speller descendants from Chicago that now resides in Namibia India led a discussion of what happened to a Speller slave family in Mississippi that migrated to Missouri and then to Illinois after the Civil War. Both black and white Spellers attended this program and shared information about what happen to their descendants since 1865.

**"Bertie County African American Education Leaders: Then and Now"**  
Historic Hope Foundation offered its 21st annual African American celebration program on February 8, 2014 in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center. Honoring the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and its impact on education for African Americans, the program focused on local educational leaders and advocates. After Commissioner Charles Smith provided the invocation and music, Benjamin Speller moderated three discussions that were designed to establish an understanding of past events and personalities that contributed to the current educational opportunities in Bertie County and beyond. Speller acknowledged past educational leaders and advocates and then focused the first discussion on the recently departed Annie Lucille Bazemore. Bazemore was remembered by retired teacher, Connie Richardson and others for enhancing local school resources through grants and recruitment of teachers. Turner Coggins was remembered by family, former colleagues, and students for his

contributions to school athletics and health education programs and for developing in Windsor the largest uniformed scouting troop in North Carolina. James Gilliam was remembered for significant contributions to the economic development of Bertie County's African American communities. Both Coggins and Gilliam were recognized for Civil Rights efforts that are now benefitting Bertie County's public school system. Commissioner Ronald "Ron" Wesson provided insightful comments during the discussions.

### **"African American Sports Heroes and Leaders"**

Historic Hope Foundation offered its 22nd annual African American celebration program on February 21, 2015. Two local sports heroes were given a permanent place in Bertie County history with

the unveiling of banners of the late Jethro Pugh and Roy Bond, Jr. Each banner includes pictures and summaries of their lives and careers. Bond was recognized for his outstanding contributions as a coach and mentor at Bertie High School where he led the Falcons to a 1995 and 2000 state championship. Pugh was recognized as a professional football player in the National Football League (NFL) for the Dallas Cowboys from 1959

### **Historic Hope Foundation Bertie County African American Heritage Roy L. Bond, Jr. Bertie African American Sports Leader**



February 28, 1946  
to  
June 14, 2008

#### **Education**

Born in Windsor, North Carolina, Roy L. Bond, Jr. attended schools in Bertie County including Indian Woods Elementary and Southwestern High School where he graduated in 1965. A graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a degree in Physical Education, he began his teaching career in Martin County in 1969. Bond came back to Bertie County in 1983 and retired in 2002 after 12 years as head football coach at Bertie High School.



#### **Educational Advocacy and Leadership**

During his 12-year tenure, Bond held the all-time winning record at Bertie High School as Head Football Coach including: five conference championships, two North Carolina High School Athletic Association 3-A state championships - one in 1995, and one in 2000 - and he received multiple awards as Coach of the Year. In addition, Bond also served as Head Girl's Basketball coach at Bertie and guided the team to one NCHSAA sectional championship during his tenure. He also coached the boy's tennis team to one conference championship.

*Roy Bond brought pride and shared community spirit to Bertie County through his intelligence, leadership, and integrity.*

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to 1979 as a left defense tackle. He won two Super Bowls with the Cowboys and spent his entire career with that team. Pugh and Bond also were honored at the program with the reciting of resolutions from the Bertie Board of County Commissioners in recognition of their careers and contributions to the community. Vice-Chairman Tammy A. Lee represented the County Commissioner at this event. The event also included an exhibit commemorating past Black History month celebrating at Hope and included art, crafts, and other artifacts on Bertie County African American History.

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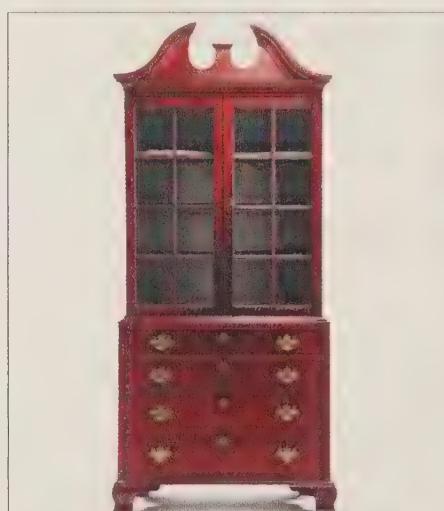


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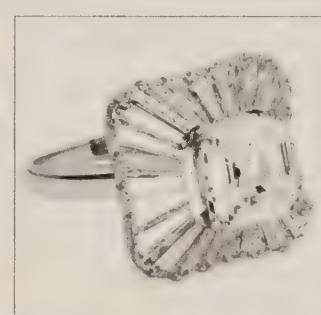
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# Hope's Family History and Genealogy Fair



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Historic Hope Foundation offered its first Family History and Genealogy Fair: "Blood's Thicker Than Water", July 29 and 30, 2011. The rationale for this event's first theme related to the fact that peoples of Native American, European, and African origins all share in the economic and cultural legacy of what is now Bertie County and surrounding counties. in northeastern North Carolina. Therefore the purpose of this event was to allow participants to share and learn about their diverse ancestors who lived in Bertie County from early colonization to the present. The program included an historical overview of Bertie County and a technical briefing about available information technologies to help participants share discoveries about their families. Harry Thompson, local historian, presented an historical overview of Bertie County and associated eastern North Carolina places. Dr. Arwin Smallwood, Professor of History, provided information supported by historical mapping on the Tri-racial Characteristic of People in Bertie County and Eastern North Carolina. Sally Moore Koestler, a genealogist, shared her experiences in researching her family's history and placing the results on her website, Sally's Family Place. With the assistance of her nephew, James Moore, she focused her talk on her Planter and Yeoman Farmer descendants in northeastern North Carolina.

With the help of Gregory Tyler, the Foundation encouraged former slaveholding families to bring their records, especially wills, and property inventories so that African Americans could discover some of their descendants prior to the Civil War. There were table sessions offered by family genealogists and researchers that shared information with relatives and others about the lives and legacies of their descendants. Richard White and others from his family shared documentary resources and information on the following family surnames: White, Hoggard, Dempsey, Matthew, Evans, Chappell and Hughes. There was information at the table sharing sessions for the following surnames: Bazemore, Bell, Blount, Bond, Carter, Chappell, Cherry, Cooper, Dempsey, Evans, Gillam, Gilliam, Gray, Griffin, Hoggard, Holley, Hughes, Heckstall, Madre, Matthews, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Outlaw, Perry, Powell, Pugh, Rascoe, Rhea, Sawyer, Smith, Smithwick, Speller, Spivey, Spruill, Stone, Sutton, Tayloe, Thompson, Tyler, Urquhart, Watson, Webb, Wheeler, White and Winston. The success of the first family history and genealogy fair resulted in offering it as an annual event at Hope and is a very successful national draw of visitors and researchers to Bertie County.

### **“Looking for Our People”**

Hope offered its 2nd Family History and Genealogy Fair on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, 2012. The following sessions were repeated each day (Friday and Saturday) to allow flexibility for participants: Sally Moore Koestler, a genealogist, shared her experiences in researching her family’s history and placing the results on her website, Sally’s Family Place. Harry Thompson, Local Historian provided background information on the colonization of the area entitled, “The People of Bertie County and Associated Eastern North Carolina Places. Mary Audrey Mitchell Apple, a retired public school teacher, shared the results of her family history research in her presentation, “Bertie Family Connections: Baptist Records and the Gilmer Maps of the Civil War.” At a Luncheon Session, Rick Leggett of Ward Farms shared information on the location of Bertie Cemeteries in his talk, “Where, Who, When.” The Fair’s closing sessions were: “Ancestral DNA: Making New Family Connections” by Jennifer Sheppard, Professional Genealogist; and, “How to Use County Register of Deeds Office and Resources” by Belinda S. White, Bertie County Register of Deeds.

### **“Where Did Our People Go?”**

Hope offered its 3rd Family History and Genealogy Fair on Friday, July 26, 2013 and Saturday, July 27, 2013. On Friday Annie F.

Wilson and Phil Hoggard, conducted a technical session on “Public Records and Geographical Information as Documentary Resources for Genealogy Research.” These presentations were focused on the offices of the Bertie County Register of Deeds and the Mapping Office. Gerald Thomas presented his recent research on one of his relatives “John Cale, Purported Indian: A Critical Examination of a Family Legend,” At lunch, participants listened to “Bertie County/Roanoke Chowan Migration Stories” presented by Shirley Chappell Jones on the Cale and Hughes in Bertie; Joy Thompson on White Families in Bertie migrating to West Tennessee; and Richard White on White Families who settled in Chowan, Perquimans, and Bertie. On Saturday, Elbert Roberts Bishop, Jr., presented a well researched history and technical analysis of his descendant in Northampton and Bertie Counties, “The Bishop-Cherry-Outlaw Family in Historical Records,” and “Bishop-Cherry-Outlaw Family DNA: Filling in the Record When the Paper Trail Runs Out.”

### **“Where Did Our People Go?”**

Hope offered its 4th Family History and Genealogy Fair on Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, 2014. On Friday, June 28th, a dinner session was presented by David S. Cecelski on “Slavery and Freedom in Maritime North Carolina” that was based on research and slave narratives in his book, “The Waterman’s Song.” One of the major sessions on Saturday, June 29th was Judge Roy L. Roulhac’s presentation on “Slave Genealogy of the Roulhac Family.” This presentation was based on his book and related research on the Roulhac Plantation during the Antebellum era in Bertie County. This program was the most diverse in program scope and participants. Previous programs have attracted participants from California, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Tennessee.

### **“The Diverse Origins of Families in Bertie County.”**

Hope is offering its 5th Family History and Genealogy Fair on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 2015. The fair will open with a talk on a book, “Beechland and the Lost Colony”, by Philip S. McMullan Jr. of Edenton, NC. This author-researcher presents his perspectives on what happen to a group of original European immigrants to this area. One of the major sessions will be a presentation and discussion by Mark Bunch, Chief Financial Officer, Othello Washington Community Hospital, of the results of his y- DNA test in

2008. He found out that rather than hailing from Scotland, his Bunch forebears had come to America from Africa about 1620. In 2010, Mr. Bunch took on the voluntary duties of administrator for the Bunch Y-DNA Surname Project and managed to hang on as the project grew from 11 test results then to more than 60 results today. In 2012 the Bunch project was cited in scholarly research on the Melungeons of East Tennessee, and in Ancestry.com's research on a possible link between President Barack Obama and John Punch, regarded by many historians as the first African chattel slave in British North America. Another presentation, "Between the "Lines", by Mary Helen Thompson will discuss how one family navigated the boundaries between black and white, free and slave and deals with many of the free families, and slave owning families in Bertie County. In keeping with one of the original themes of this annual event, Where Did Our People Go, Reverend Lillian Capehart of Salinas, California will present, "The Lovelace Brown Capehart Family: From Bertie County to Raleigh NC in 1865 and Beyond." Another highlight of this event will be a tour of select historical houses in Bertie built by "The Bunch Family Carpenters in Bertie County." This event will be led by Reid Thomas and staff members of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, Eastern Region. This program continues to be the most diverse in program in scope and participants that Historic Hope has offered during the past 11 years. Previous programs have attracted participants from California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Tennessee.

*Submitted by Dr. Ben Speller*



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## Remembering the Early Days

In the beginning, the Directors of Hope did not view the Mansion as the historic place it is today. It was seen only as a beautiful old house, a house with a great Bertie County history and a house which needed fixing up and restoring.

From the very first, Jack and Margaret Tyler were the ones who saw the possibilities of what Hope could be and it was their dream to restore the Hope Mansion. It was their knowledge that influenced so many other people to believe in their dream and for these people to enlist in that cause. Jack and Margaret had many friends throughout the state as they were active in many historic associations and they were greatly respected. These friends were important in helping us get the word out that there was an organization in Bertie County whose goal was to restore Hope. Jack and Margaret had a voice in every decision and often had the deciding voice. The Directors listened to them and followed their lead. Jack was President and later Chairman of the Board for many years. He and Margaret definitely led the way. Margaret never had an official office but she was present at all the meetings and always had a clear idea of what needed to be done and how to go about doing it. She and Jack worked in unison. This restoration is greatly indebted to these two inspiring leaders. Were it not for Jack and Margaret the Hope Mansion would not be restored today

In 1967 a steering committee composed of 19 mostly Bertie County residents met to talk about restoring Hope House, as it was called then. The Historic Hope Foundation was formed and a Board of Directors was deemed necessary to handle the business of this project. Directors were chosen to represent every town in the county. Directors were expected to accomplish any task asked of them, to seek community support, and to not miss any meetings. Discussions were held at the monthly meetings about what needed to be done and committees were formed to do the job. Of course, raising money was the first and the most important thing which needed to be done.

We approached the North Carolina General Assembly asking for a monetary grant. Monk Harrington and Emmett Burden, our district Senator and Representative, worked for this as did all Directors who knew anybody in the Legislature. A group from the Foundation appeared before the North Carolina Historic Sites Advisory Committee whose approval was needed. Jack Tyler, "Miss Ruth" White of Colerain and Becky Carter were in this group. "Miss Ruth" and Jack led the discussions. This was the first step in getting the Legislature to grant us

any funds. In its 1965 session they appropriated to us a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of \$20,000. Mrs. Buffy Ives addressed a joint session of the Legislature asking for this money to be appropriated. At the time it was said she was the only woman granted the honor of addressing a joint session. In 1965 The Richardson Foundation awarded us a \$5,000 grant if we could raise \$15,000. By using these funds to match each other we received both the grants.

To continue raising money it was decided (mostly Jack and Margaret Tyler's idea) that we would have a Ball, a real Ball. The Ball would have a theme and we would invite everyone we knew from all over the state. It would be formal, formal at a time when few women had long evening dresses and it was doubtful if a single man in Bertie County had a tuxedo. We decided to have this Ball in the winter when not much else was going on but long enough after Christmas so that maybe everyone would be ready to party again.

Boo Beasley agreed to be the Chairman and she went to work. She formed committees, a date was chosen in late January and then everyone went to work. The theme was Mardi Gras. The only place in Bertie County large enough to hold the group of people we envisioned coming to our Ball was the National Guard Armory in Windsor which they agreed to rent to us. Invitation lists were made and elegant looking invitations printed. It was decided to have a program which involved not only writing material about the Hope project and why it was important to restore this house, but selling enough ads to finance the Ball and hopefully make some money too.

The Armory was very large so decorating it became one of our first priorities. No one had ever decorated a place of that size but it was done beautifully. Boo had groups of people make large paper flowers of multicolored tissue paper. These with garlands of greenery gave a look of New Orleans which transformed the inside of the Armory. The band Boo engaged provided great music. People came from all over the state and everyone had a great time. The News and Observer covered the Ball giving us much publicity and by all accounts it was a very successful occasion.

Another idea in conjunction with the Ball was to have pre-ball parties at various homes around the county. About 10 couples in different towns were asked to host these parties where cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served. The invitation list was divided up so that people from different towns were invited to different parties to meet people they didn't know. This format was followed for several years and proved to be very successful.

Having a Hope Ball was so labor intensive the Directors decided to only have one every other year. In 1970 Marian Perry was asked to Chair the Ball and the theme was the Midwinter Ball. This time the Amory was decorated with thousands of little white lights on greenery placed around the perimeter of the room. This was the first time these lights, which are everywhere today, were used in Windsor, and they effectively transformed the Armory.

Every other year Hope Balls followed with continued successes. The 1972 Ball was chaired by Betsy Gillam and had a theme of the Governor Stone Anniversary Ball. Elma Byrd chaired the 1974 Garden Ball and Jenny Jenkins chaired the Bicentennial Ball in 1976. Today we are still having Hope Balls although the location has changed to the Plantation.

Christmas at Hope was begun with the idea that Hope would look beautiful with some period Christmas decorations which truthfully it did. At first the women Directors did the decorating but it quickly evolved to having a chairman and people in the nearby communities bringing their talent to do the decorating. To this day it is an open house day for all who wish to come see the Mansion and the Christmas decorations.

One of the most interesting affairs we ever had was a candlelight reception honoring Mrs. Buffy Ives. Mrs. Ives was the sister of Gov. Adlai Stevenson, candidate for President in 1956. Mrs. Ives lived in Southern Pines and was a prominent personality in her own right being very active in many statewide political and cultural affairs and was also a friend of Jack and Margaret Tyler. In fact Jack said she gave the first money to restore Hope because once when she was visiting them and asked to see Hope she took out a dollar out of her pocketbook and gave it to Jack saying, "now get started".

We planned a candlelight reception for April 23, 1970 to honor Mrs. Ives which was perhaps our most unusual affair. When plans for this were first presented to the Board, many thought it was a crazy idea. Although the exterior of Hope Mansion had been completed and painted, the interior was still untouched. No attempt had been made to plaster the walls. There was no plumbing, no electric lights, no heating system - just bare, large rooms in an old house. It was decided, but only after much discussion, to go along with plans for the reception. Invitations would be mailed to every contributor and light refreshments would be served in the drawing room. The Directors were asked to dress in formal clothes to receive throughout the house. Everybody put their best foot forward. The reception turned out to be a perfect occasion. The weather was mild with no sign of rain. There was even a

bright full moon. The Directors had worried about a rainy, cold night with people trying to drive up the long, muddy lane to find parking spaces only in a plowed peanut field.

There was never a greater challenge to the decorating committee and they rose to the occasion. The halls and room were banked with spring flowers. Every flower garden in Bertie County had been surveyed and appropriate flowers picked. Those who didn't bring flowers brought homemade cookies for the refreshment table. Eva White, Becky Carter and "Miss Ruth White" had driven around the county stopping at likely looking houses and asking if someone would make a little chicken salad or some cookies. Not a single person turned them down. They agreed to the requests and even brought the food to Hope. We had delicious homemade food for the reception.

Everyone searched at home for usable candles. We needed a lot because the only light we had was by those candles. We spent money only for what the Directors, with friends, could not provide and as a result, spent no money on this fabulous occasion.

Everyone polished and brought their silver. We had silver candelabra on the food tables and many silver candlesticks, silver trays for the food and silver bowls for the flowers. The walls were bare to the old narrow wood laths which gave us much concern. Francis Speight agreed to bring his paintings for the walls and it was almost unbelievable what those paintings added to the rooms. His paintings, the flowers, the weather, and the food could not have been more perfect.

At the appointed hour, candles glowed, silver sparkled, the perfume of spring flowers permeated the air, and music by Billy Raynor at the console filled the rooms. The Directors took their places. Mrs. Ives took her place in the receiving line along with Jack and Margaret Tyler. We never knew how many people came that night but it was many. The event showed in a very tangible way that it was possible to restore Governor David Stone's house and that it would be something Bertie County would be proud of. It was truly a shining moment for the Hope Mansion.

Nancy Rascoe originated the idea of having a spring event called Springtime on the Plantation. She was always Chairman of this event which we had for many years. It was a fun filled night outside in the yard at Hope with barbecue and dancing. For the dancing we had a large platform built, one we could take up and reuse every year. The attendance price was kept low because we wanted to have people come and enjoy being at Hope, especially if they felt they couldn't come to the Hope Ball. This was held usually in April. Sometimes the weather

was wonderful but occasionally it was nearly freezing especially after it got dark, but it was very popular and everyone had a good time. The Cashie Cook Club cooked the barbecue for which they were famous. A lot of people used this as a time to come home for a visit to see their friends and to be together for a good time. We always had a large crowd.

On May 1st, 1981 we had one of our most spectacular events—a garden party honoring Jack and Margaret Tyler. L.A. Bailey, Chairman of the Friends of Hope, and the Directors felt Historic Hope Foundation should honor Jack and Margaret who had given so much time, energy, and inspiration to everything historical in North Carolina and especially Hope. Buddy Shaw greeted guests at the outside steps and invited them into the house. We had a receiving line in the hall where John Gillam III, President of Hope, welcomed everyone as they paid their respects to Jack and Margaret. Guests went on through the hall and down the steps to enter a large tent for refreshments. This was one of the first times a tent had ever been used at Hope for entertaining. As usual the decorations of local flowers and greenery made by decorators and friends were beautiful and homemade food delicious. We had many guests including Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and his wife, our Senator Monk Harrington, many of the Friends of Hope and people from near and far. Margaret looked lovely with a wreath of flowers in her hair. It was a grand occasion which paid tribute to a great couple.

Another interesting event we had was a needlework exhibit. Clara Bell had seen such an exhibit in Washington and thought it would be appropriate for us to do as we knew many people in Bertie County had lots of old linens. Betsy Gillam and Becky Carter were chairmen of this and asked the Home Demonstration clubs to help us find items. We had many handmade heirlooms to come to be exhibited. We had old dresses, wedding dresses, handmade lace of many kinds, quilts, hand embroidered bed linens and tablecloths. We featured the needlepoint sampler of Hannah Stone which we have in our collection. This exhibit hung in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center for a week.

One of the interesting things the female Directors did was to make draperies for the Mansion. Jack asked Ms. Mildred Lanier, Curator of Textiles for Williamsburg, to come to Hope to advise us. She came with fabric swatches and a lot of knowledge. With her advising us we agreed on the colors, the fabrics, and the designs for the draperies. When the fabric came we all met at Hope. It was summer, no electricity, no restrooms. We opened both the doors in the hallway. We put the

dining room table with all its leaves and the ends in that hallway. We spread one pattern of the fabric along that long table. Everyone was hesitant to start to cut because it was very expensive fabric and no one wanted to make a mistake. No one wanted to make that first cut on the fabric named "Liverpool Bird." Marian Perry made the first cut and then we all cut away following the patterns we had made. Carol Urquhart and Betsy Gillam were on this committee. The fabric was divided up and everyone who had a sewing machine took some material home to sew. We brought it all together and when the draperies were put up we felt proud and thought they looked lovely and thought they made the house look warmer and more like a home. For some reason, at some point, they were taken down.

Another sewing project we did was the tablecloths, the pretty ones with a floral design. Again we consulted with Ms. Lanier of Williamsburg. She told us what type and fabric pattern she thought would be appropriate. Carol Urquhart and Marian Perry shopped and shopped until they could find what they thought would meet those expectations. When the fabric was approved, Carol and Marian made a pattern for those large tables, cut and sewed the fabric and sewed the long round edge hem. They are being used today.

Something we had a lot of fun with was our Christmas parties. Before the Heritage Center was built we always had the Director's meetings every month at Hope so we were there a lot of meetings there. For our December meeting we brought food and had dinner in the basement. The husbands and wives came to this meeting and we had a social hour before our regular meeting. The Directors met upstairs in the hall and the Non-Directors met in the basement while we were having our meeting. Norman Perry declared himself President of the Non-Directors group. After our meeting we had our dinner and did much socializing. It was a lot of fun and everyone looked forward to those Christmas meetings. One occasion we all laughed about was a dinner held for a group of out-of-state interior decorators who were touring historic houses. They wanted local food so we brought all our silver out and served barbecue and collards in silver chafing dishes. They loved it.

There are many other stories which could be told. One thing which held us together was that however we disagreed on topics in our meetings we never went out and complained. We banded together and went forward with whatever was decided.

Many, many people, Directors and people who were not Directors, have worked to restore Hope. It has truly been more than a Bertie

County project as we have had Directors from all the surrounding counties and have always received support from a wide area for all our projects.

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In 1997, Historic Hope foundation established the Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture Series. These annual lectures honor a dedicated and loyal supporter of Hope. These lectures center on David Stone, Hope Plantation, and the heritage of the Roanoke-Chowan area.

Buffie, as she was called by her friends, was an ardent

preservationist and dearly loved Hope. Whenever she was in the area, she called her friends Margaret and Jack Tyler and had them bring her by to see the derelict house Hope had become. She was one of the first people outside the Tylers who saw the beauty underlying Hope House, as it was known then. She admonished them and encouraged them to get busy saving the building.

Mrs. Ives appeared before a joint session of both houses of the North Carolina General Assembly in an appeal for its support of the Hope restoration and received a standing ovation. Her support was unwavering and she spread the word wherever she went enlisting friends far and wide.

She persuaded her nephew, Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr. and his wife to come from Washington to a dinner dance, a fund raiser for Hope. She chaired a very successful fund raising campaign for the purchase of many fine furnishings and lobbied her friends constantly for support for the Foundation.

Buffie Ives for many years gave her time, efforts, energy, funds, and her enthusiasm to the cause of the Hope restoration. In her will she also provided a legacy for Hope. It was this financial legacy that makes possible the Ives lecture Series – a fitting memorial to one so dedicated to Hope.

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- **2013** ~ The theme of the 2013 Ives Lecture was “Stitches in Time: Crafts that Bind Us.” The focus of the lecture was early quilts and samplers made in northeastern NC. Featured speakers were Kimberly Ivey, Curator of Textiles and Historic Interiors, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Joyce Joines Newman, a quilt historian, who is an Instruction Consultant in the Office of Faculty Excellence, East Carolina University, and Jerreann King Johnson, from Warrenton, NC who was one of the founders of the Heritage Quilters, a diverse group of women and men from Halifax, Vance, and Warren counties whose mission is to preserve quilting traditions. In addition to their lectures, textiles and samplers from the Historic Hope collection, quilts from the Heritage Quilters, and a dress that had been made by ancestors of Miss Willie Garrett Bazemore were on display.
- **April 5, 2014** - Hope hosted the Eighteenth Annual Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture “Vignettes on Southern Furniture and Architecture: Early Turned Chairs of the Roanoke River Basin and Gambrel Roof Houses in Northeastern North Carolina.” Featured speakers included Reid Thomas and Mark Wenger. Reid Thomas is a Restoration Specialist for the State Historic Preservation Office, Division of Historical Resources, Department of Cultural Resources. Serving out of the Eastern Office in Greenville, since 1990, he works in 18 counties in the northeastern region providing technical restoration assistance to hundreds of private and public projects. Reid specializes in early building technology, historic paints, building conservation, and disaster planning and recovery.

Mark Wenger is employed with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker, Architects—Albany, New York, and Williamsburg, Virginia. The firm specializes in the restoration of historic buildings. From 1980 to 2003, Wenger worked as an architectural historian with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and makes his home in Williamsburg. He has published two books and a number of articles on architectural subjects.



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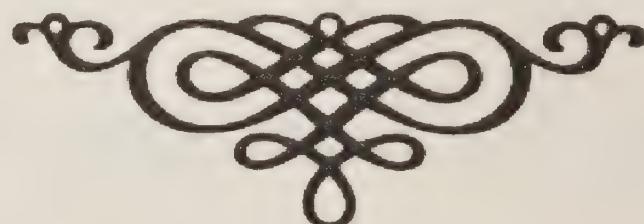
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In 2006, under the leadership of President Dr. Ben Speller, research was begun by Hope’s Curator, Glenn Perkins, on how to present Hope’s history with a full recognition of the site’s multi-cultural significance. To fund the research and development of the diversity project, Glenn applied to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a grant to fund “Plantation at the Crossroads.” In a highly competitive environment, Hope’s application was successful. The Foundation was awarded \$54,000, on the condition that the funds be matched, \$27,000 could be “in kind,” and the remaining in cash donations. By the time the grant period began, Hope had lost its full-time curator and director of the project.

Hope’s new president, Dr. John Hill, persuaded IMLS that Hope could find a qualified volunteer with relevant graduate degrees to become Project Director and another to do the financial reporting. Approved by the IMLS, Dr. Karen Ray and Bill Smith were drafted into these roles, helped by part-time curator Gregory Tyler and state tourism officer Julie Thomas. In fact, under the terms of the grant, the Ray-Smith volunteer hours were counted as \$27,000 of the much-needed matching funds.

The original proposal had called for signage on the grounds, the extensive conversion of the mansion basement to interpret the housing and work of the enslaved population, and a series of educational events. All of these were accomplished. There was extensive cooperation with Bertie’s new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) High School, and Principal Glenwood Mitchell. Projects were developed involving every student in the 6th grade of the Middle School and major events at Colerain Primary School. History lessons, art exhibits, and even Junkanoo demonstrations were part of the fun. A series of public events and openings at the Hope site drew up 250 people at a time.

However, there were problems. Structural limitations meant that the whole of the mansion basement could not be used as exhibit space. At the same time, it became evident to the Board that the “theater” space in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center (RCHC) was not being fully utilized ~ it had a sloping concrete floor, a few metal chairs, and a 21-inch tube television on which Hope’s newly produced introductory video was played for those tourists who could keep from sliding off their

seats. The Reverend Joe Cooper, president-elect of the Foundation, suggested using the matching funds, when raised, to revamp this room as exhibit space. The Jenkins family, including former President of the Foundation Wayland Jenkins and long-time Friends of Hope, Jenny and Joe Henry, agreed that the Jenkins Theater could become the Jenkins Exhibit room. Some of Hope's treasures could be safely exhibited for the first time.



*Multicultural room showing Native American displays*

The Museum Room, always used for assemblies, could now be better equipped for audio-visual presentations.

However, a major problem remained. Just as the financial crisis of 2008 meant cutbacks everywhere and severely reduced government support at all levels, Hope was faced with the need to raise the other \$27,000 in cash to match the IMLS grant or be forced to return the money advanced.

The Golden Leaf Foundation was beginning its cycle of community grants, and the citizens of Bertie County - the schools in particular - supported Hope's application for funding. Golden Leaf awarded Hope \$187,000. The IMLS grant was matched! John Hill and the Board breathed a sigh of relief.

Under Bill Smith, the RCHC was retro-fitted so the heating and cooling became more efficient, the Exhibit Room changes were possible, and there is no longer a need for expensive tent rentals for major events. In fact, the venue has become increasingly popular for weddings, concerts, and community gatherings. The grounds were enhanced by

a healthy walking and trail system supervised by Jon Powell and new president, Dr. Turner Sutton. (Under Golden Leaf's guidelines, funds could not be spent on repairs to the historic buildings, for salaries, or for administrative expenses.)

The Hope site has an ongoing impact on the economy of the region. Every dollar spent at Hope circulates seven times in the local economy. During the period of the IMLS grant, people from 43 countries and almost every state visited the site. In recognition of this vital economic role, part of the Golden Leaf grant was allocated for tourism promotion, which enabled the upgrading of web-based publicity, the new bill-boards, and other forms of advertising.

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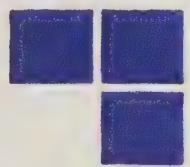
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The mission statement of the Historic Hope Foundation reads, in part, “the mission ... is to provide educational, cultural, and recreation benefits to the public...” One of the main focuses of any education outreach program is to work with students of all ages, from kindergarten to adult continuing education programs. Over the three years since I have been involved with Hope Foundation, we have reached over 1,000 students of all ages through our “Living History Day” programs.



These students are from just a few miles north of Hope at West Bertie Elementary School, to 7th grade students from Piedmont Middle School in Charlotte, to upper level history students from Norfolk State University in Virginia, and kindergartners from Pitt County. The students tour the Hope Mansion and participate in activities on the grounds ranging from butter making to period games and a visit with local beekeepers (in season!). Each student who visits Hope Foundation makes a booklet about life on an early Federal era plantation. They bind it just like they would bind a 19th book. For our younger visitors we have an activity book that is a scavenger hunt for artifacts located in the Mansion and kitchen. In order to make these programs a more participatory experience for our visitors, we have partnered with local and statewide history groups and museums. These groups include the North Carolina Museum of History, the Museum of the Albemarle,



Historic Halifax, Historic Bath, and many others. This year we added the Great Dismal Swamp Welcome Center and State Park and the State Library of North Carolina to our group of partners. And in turn, we at Hope have worked with some of these sites for their programming. This is how effective and long lasting partnerships are built. We share a common love of educating the residents of the State of North Carolina and the world about the rich and deep history we have here in northeastern North Carolina. We are always looking for volunteers to work with us on these programs. Please consider joining us as we begin the next 50 years of bringing our history alive to all who come and visit us at Historic Hope Plantation.

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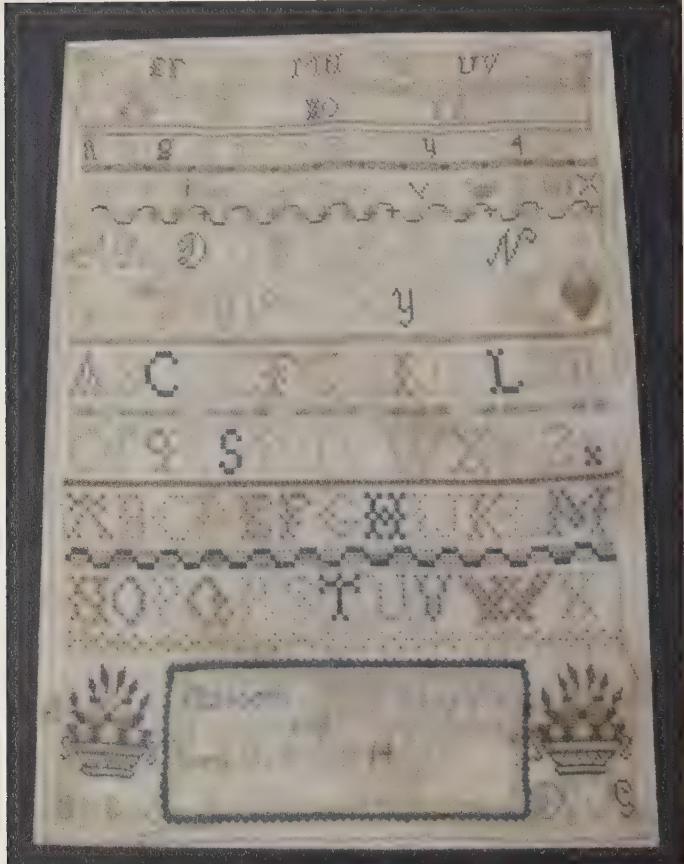
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out to collect, preserve, and display artifacts associated with northeastern North Carolina and southern Virginia. In addition to an unparalleled collection of Roanoke River Valley furniture—ranging from the Baroque-inspired decorations of two of our WH Cabinetmaker pieces to the simple elegance of a Chippendale chair; we also have a number of small but still important collections of what I call hidden gems. We



*Sampler made by Elizabeth Gatling, circa 1820,  
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have a collection of quilts and coverlets directly sourced to northeastern North Carolina. Visitors have come to Hope especially to see exhibits of our quilts and coverlets and have asked when are we going to do another exhibit? Our collection of samplers has attracted attention from scholars across the United States. Kim Ivey, Curator, Textiles and Historic Interiors, at Colonial Williamsburg, has cited a sampler in our collection as one of the best examples of a schoolgirl sampler she has seen. Furniture from our collection has been extensively studied and featured in books and magazines. Our collections also have a more global reach. David Stone had a collection of thirty maps that were sold in the 1819 sales of his properties. We have a choice collection of historic maps concentrating on North America, specifically North Carolina, that includes a 1590 John White map and a 1709 John Lawson map. In between we have examples from Mercator and



*Philadelphia chair circa 1760-1780 (left) Gift of Anna & Ethel Watson from the Collection of George Watson, Enfield, North Carolina. Roanoke River Valley chair circa 1760-1780 (right) purchased with funds from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.*

Hondius, Peter Schenk, and a portion of the Mouzon map of North Carolina, published in 1777 in Paris. A 2013 exhibit focused on our map collection. Our collections range into the 20th century. We have a complete collection of Louis Orr engravings of North Carolina that include both the large and small views of the State Capitol building. These engravings were featured on a TV program broadcast statewide in 2013. We also have a collection of paintings by Francis Speight showing the Hope Mansion prior to its restoration. These collections have been made possible by the generous donations of people who were committed to seeing the preservation of the rich history we have in northeastern North Carolina, the restoration of the Hope Mansion, and the continued preservation of our cultural heritage and traditions.

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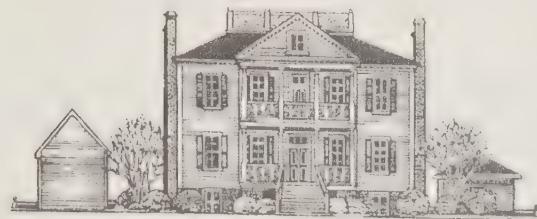
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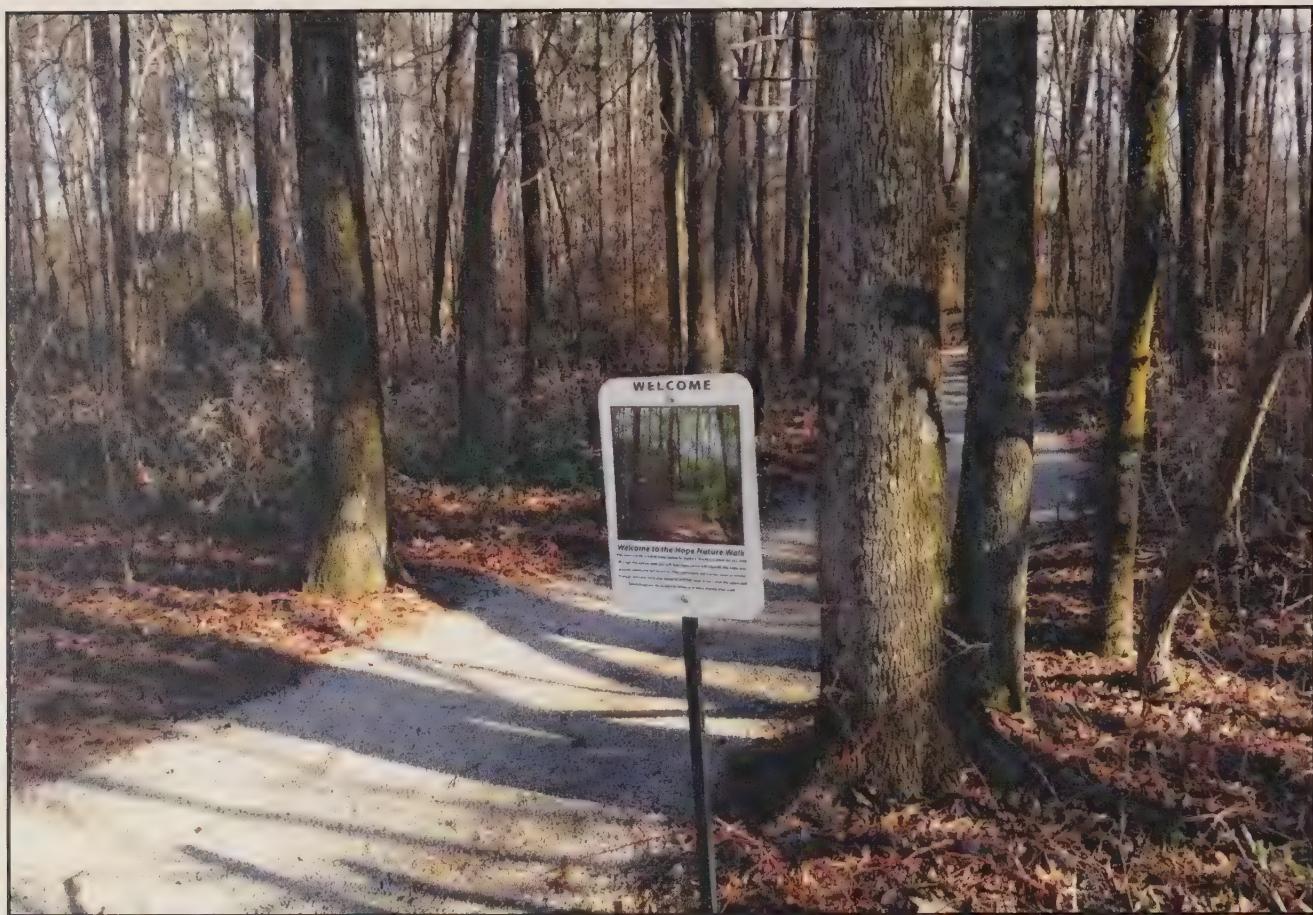
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Trails through the forest are covered with packed gravel and are accessible after a heavy rain. Hope Forest is a mixed pine and hardwood forest that is typical of eastern North Carolina. Some of the more common trees in the forest are loblolly pine, white oak, water oak, swamp chestnut oak, red maple, river birch, holly, and dogwood. There is also a diversity of other small trees, flowering plants, and ferns in the understory.

Signs are located along the trails that describe many of the most common trees and plants. In addition to plants, there is a diversity of wildlife in the forest and on plantation grounds, including many species of birds, deer, bears, squirrels, foxes, raccoons, opossums, rabbits, snakes, butterflies, and various other invertebrates.

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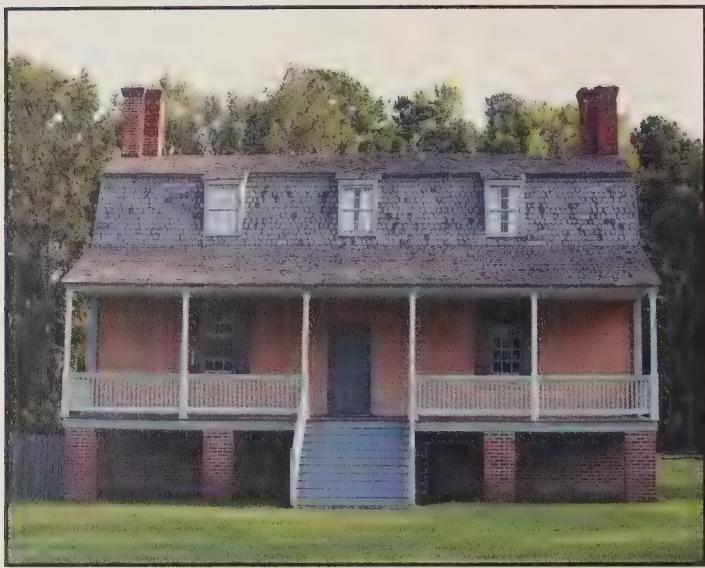
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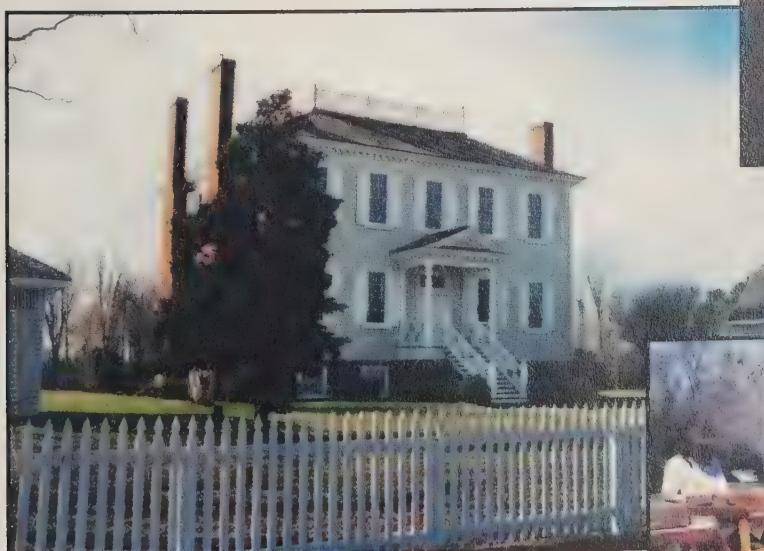
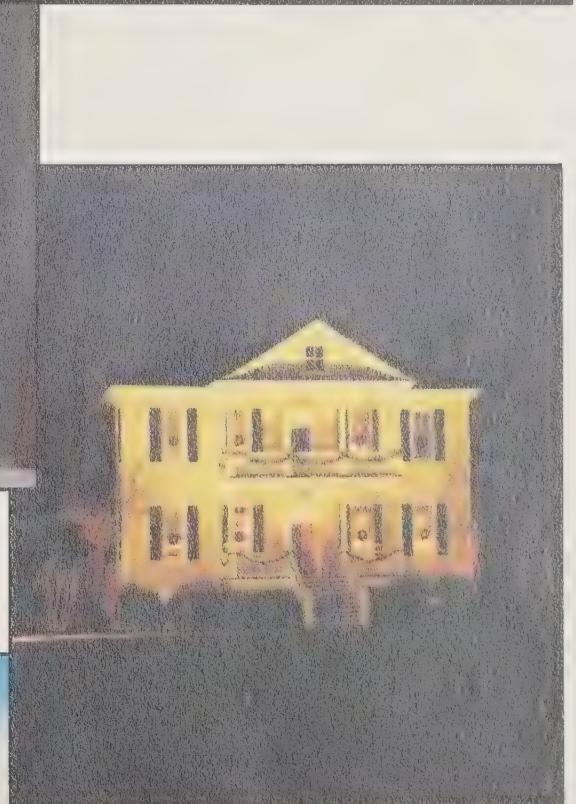


The King-Bazemore House was built by local planter William King in 1763. He carved the date and his initials between the upper and lower windows on both ends of the house. This house was moved from its location four miles from Hope and is now restored and furnished according to William King's inventory.

The Samuel Cox House was also rescued and restored by Historic Hope Foundation. The house represents a typical Eastern North Carolina farm house from the early nineteenth century. Today it serves as the caretaker's quarters.



The Roanoke-Chowan Heritage Center, opened in 1991, house the Foundation's administrative offices, the artifacts and museum room, a classroom, meeting and banquet rooms, the gift shop, ticket and Docent offices. This impressive building is also home of David Stone's library.



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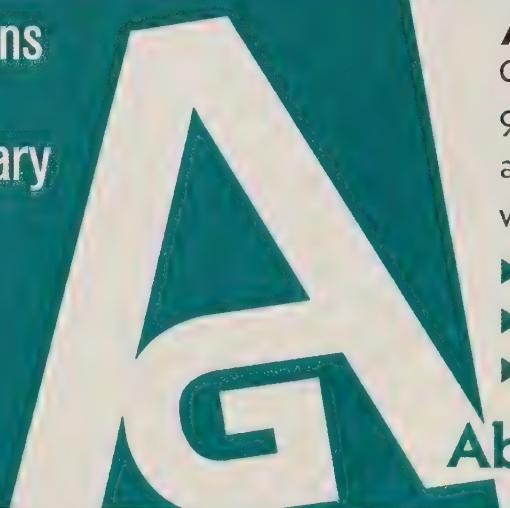
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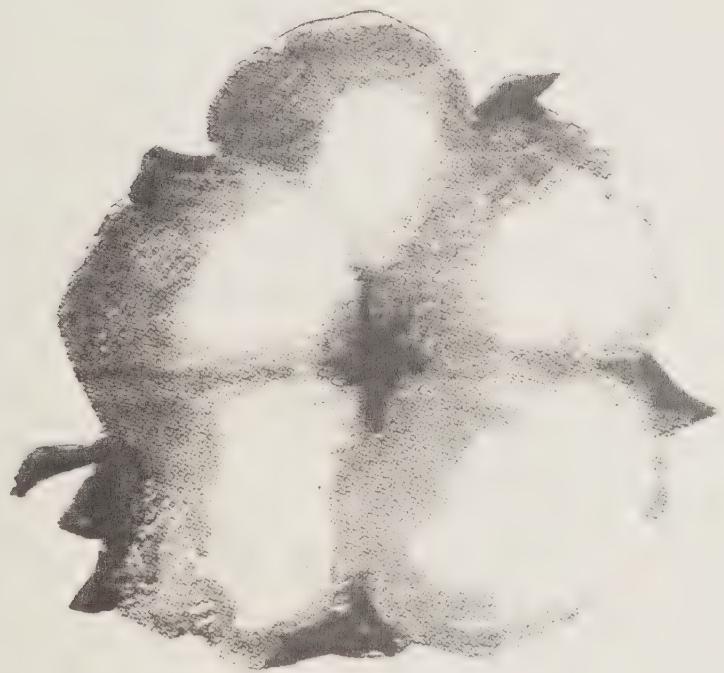
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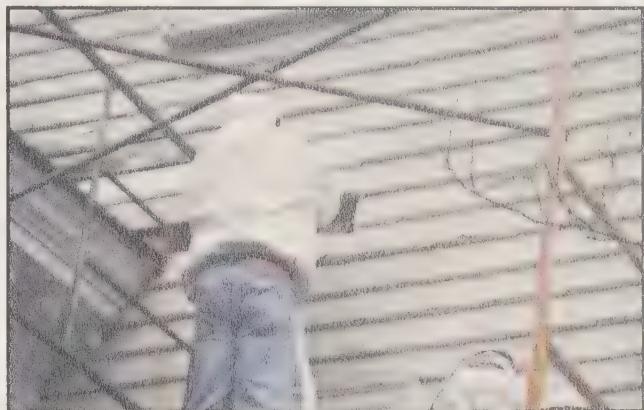
# The Mansion Gets a Facelift

In the late winter and spring of 2015 the Mansion underwent much needed repairs and was painted. The repairs were made by Jerry Castelloe and Ben Mizelle, who specialize in the renovation of historic houses. The repairs are time consuming since each piece of wood has to be cut to exactly match the original.



The Chippendale rail on the front porch needed extensive work, numerous pieces of

weather board and four window sills were replaced, the casing was repaired around several windows, the back steps were replaced and the railing repaired, and eight shutters were repaired. Additionally members of the Cashie Beekeepers removed a hive of bees from behind the weather board on the back side of the house near the porch roof.



The mansion had not been painted in about 15 years and much of the paint was peeling. It was painted by Larry Ainsley and his workers. Larry has worked on many historic houses in the area, especially in Edenton. The house needed extensive scraping and caulking before it could be painted. Chips of paint were removed from under the porch and kitchen and used to match the existing paint color as closely as possible.

The fresh coat of paint will make us more competitive for various events such as weddings that use the Mansion grounds.



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## 5th Annual Family History and Genealogy Fair

**Friday, June 26 from 5 pm - 8:15 pm**

**Saturday, June 27 from 9 am - 1:30 pm**

The 5th annual Family History and Genealogy Fair, “The Diverse Origins of Families in Bertie County,” will be held at the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center at Historic Hope Plantation. This year’s program will focus on the Bunch and Capehart families and will feature a tour of historic homes related to the Bunch family.

## IVES Lecture – Not scheduled yet

## Friends of Hope – Annual Meeting

**Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

This event is not open to the public. There will be a continental breakfast at 9:30 and followed by the meeting at 10:00 am.

## Annual Christmas Open House

**Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Hold the date for the Historic Hope Foundation Christmas Open House. Hope Plantation mansion and King Bazemore house will be decorated with period decorations. Join us for live holiday music,

refreshments, and horse wagon / carriage rides. Performers in period costumes will be dancing and playing games of the era. There is no charge for this event.

*Elizabeth Jernigan volunteered with the 2014 Annual Christmas Open House.*



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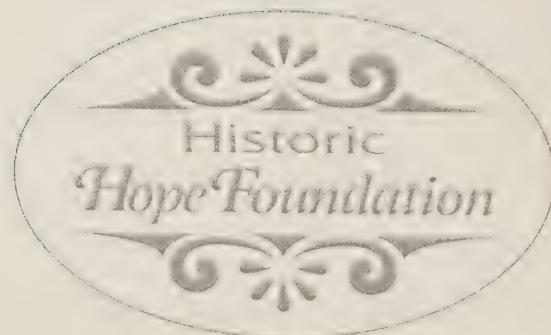
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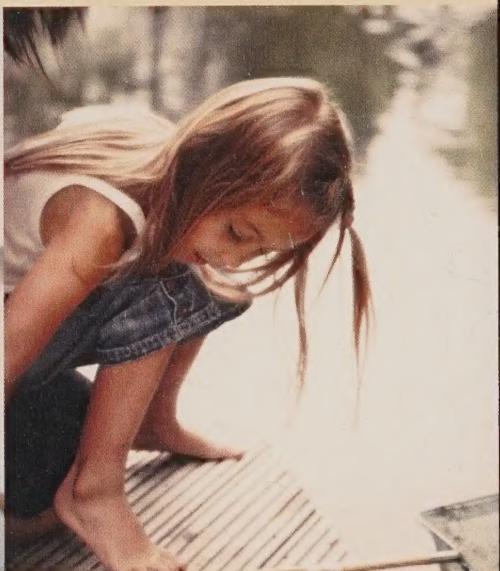
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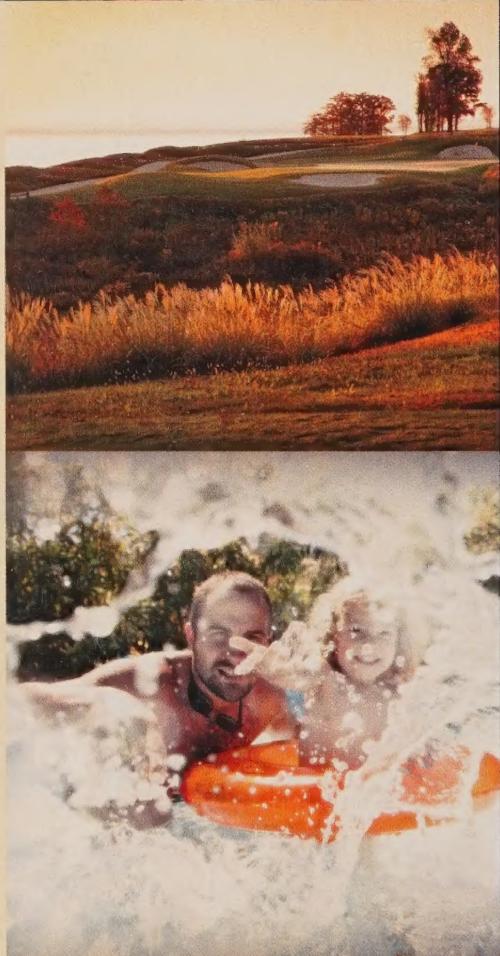
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